

Chemical Synthesis

Supramolecular Chemistry

Supramolecular Synthesis

The creation of multicomponent supramolecular architectures utilizing noncovalent bonding interactions

Noncovalent Synthesis
of
Supramolecules

Noncovalent Synthesis
of
Supramolecular Arrays

Supramolecular Assistance to Molecular Synthesis

The synthesis of discrete molecular entities — held together using wholly covalent and/or mechanical bonds — aided and abetted by intermolecular noncovalent interactions

Supramolecular Assistance
to Covalent Synthesis

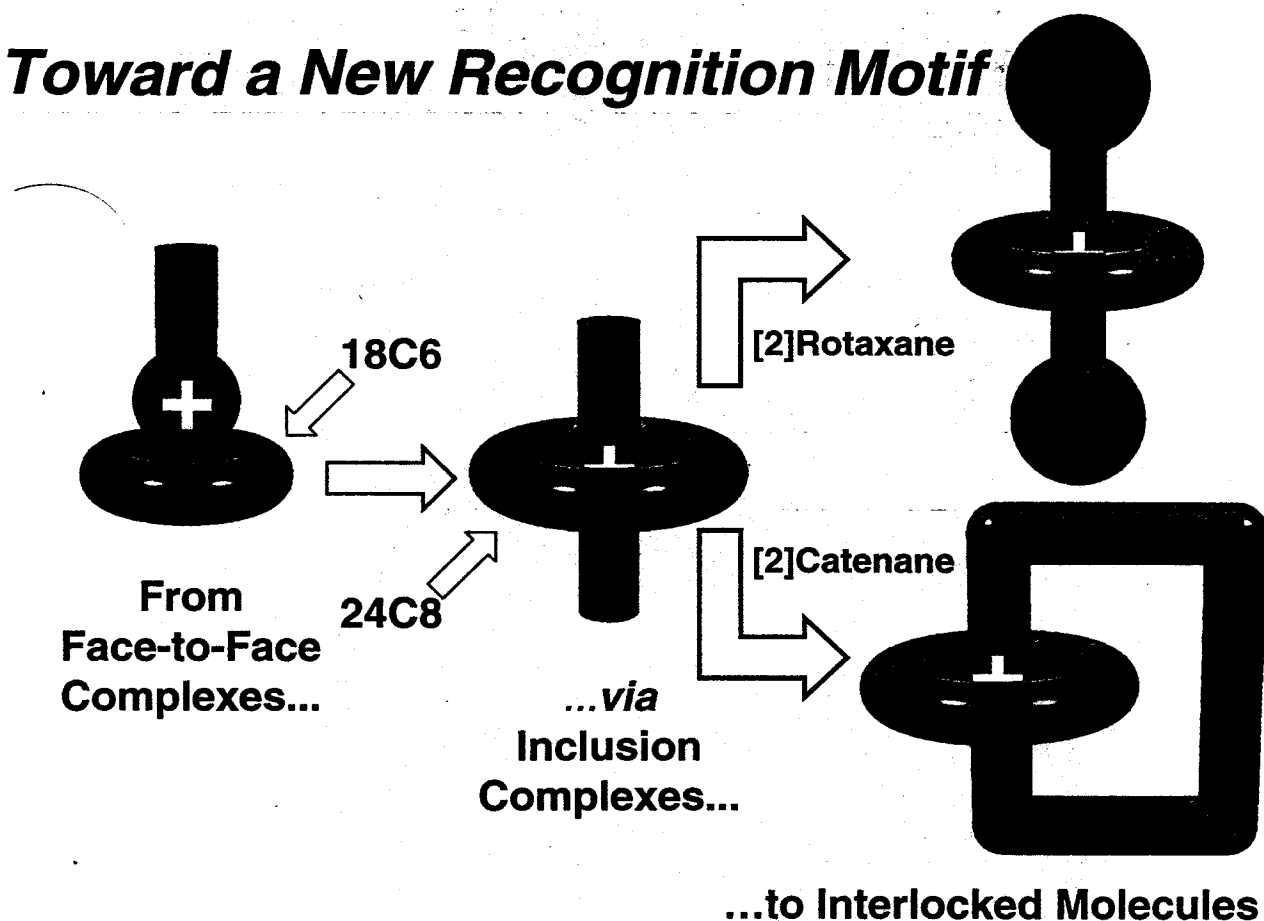
Supramolecular Assistance
to the Synthesis
of Interlocked Molecules

Thermodynamic Control

Kinetic Control

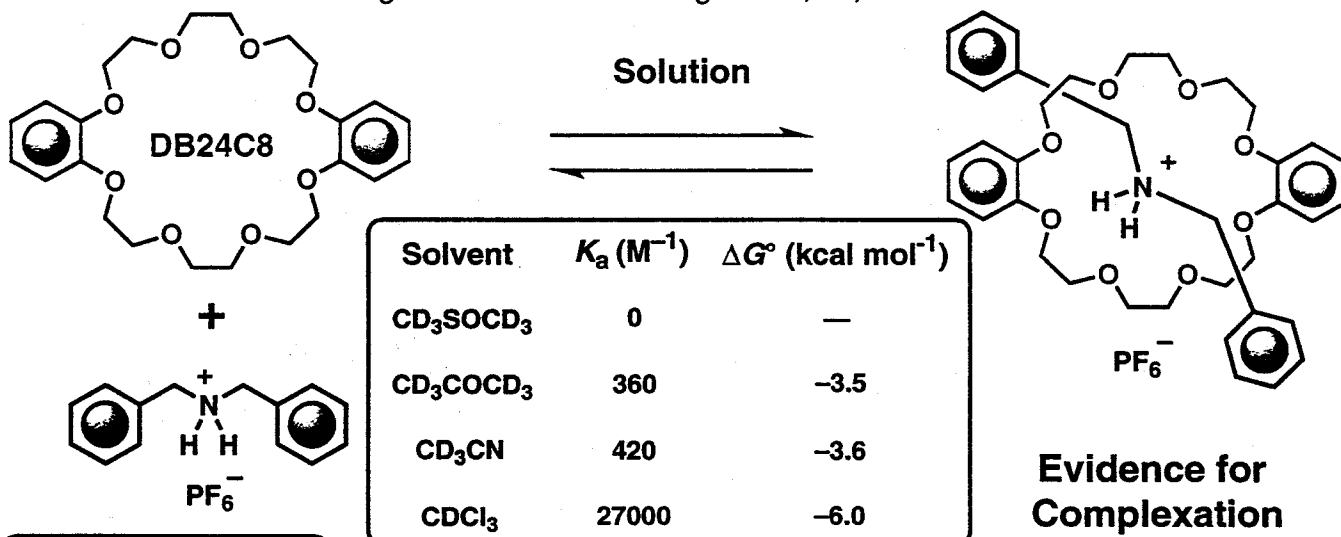
The Impetus for the Development of the Methodologies has been Self-Assembly

Toward a New Recognition Motif



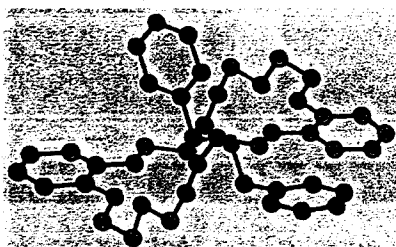
Secondary Dialkylammonium Ion Binding

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X-Ray Crystal Structure

- $[N^+ \cdots H \cdots O]$
- $[C-H \cdots O]$
- $[\pi \cdots \pi]$



LSI Mass Spectrometry

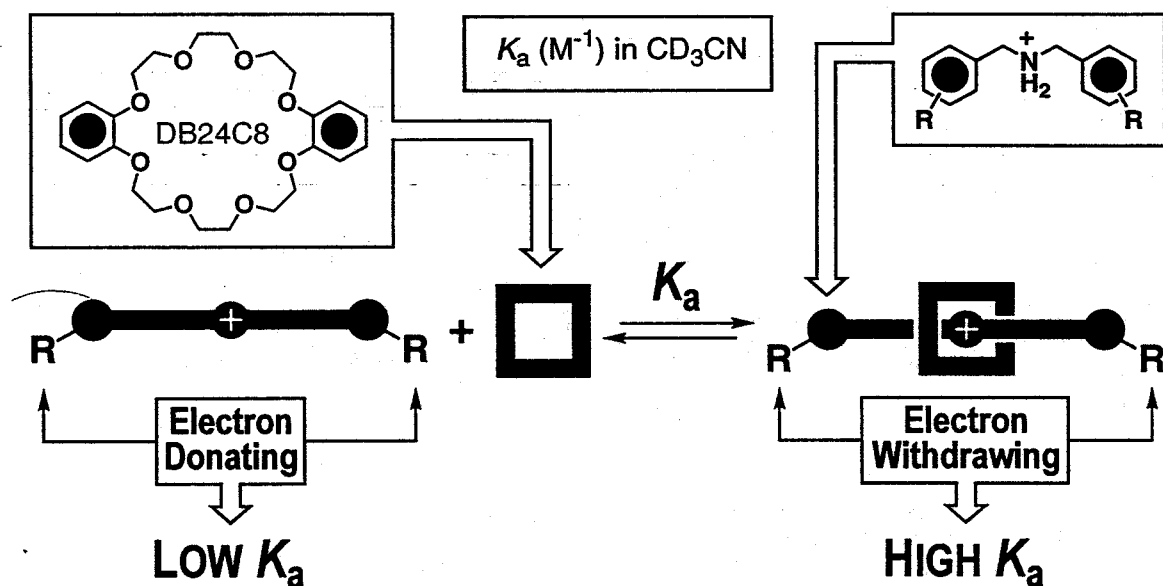
1H NMR - $\Delta\delta$ Values

1H NOE Experiments

X-Ray Crystallography

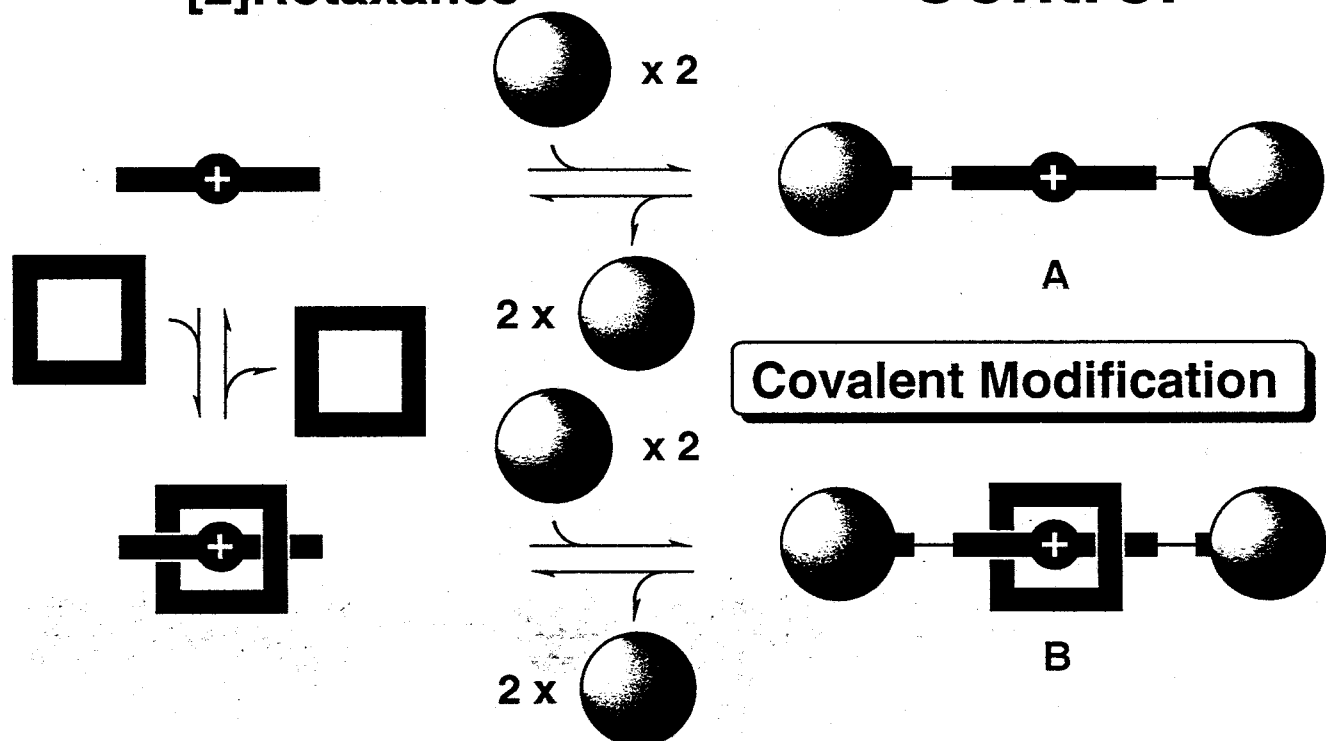
Structure-Activity Relationships and DB24C8-Dibenzylammonium Ion-Based Pseudorotaxanes

R	<i>p</i> -OMe	<i>p</i> -Me	<i>m</i> -Me	H	<i>m</i> -OMe	<i>p</i> -Br	<i>p</i> -Cl	<i>p</i> -CO ₂ H	<i>m</i> -Br	<i>m</i> -Cl	<i>m</i> -CO ₂ H	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	<i>m</i> -NO ₂	R
K_a	130	170	180	200	280	460	470	510	570	580	660	1300	1350	K_a



Supramolecular Assistance to the Covalent Synthesis of [2]Rotaxanes

Thermodynamic Control



○ The ratio of A:B is dependent only upon the relative stabilities of A and B.

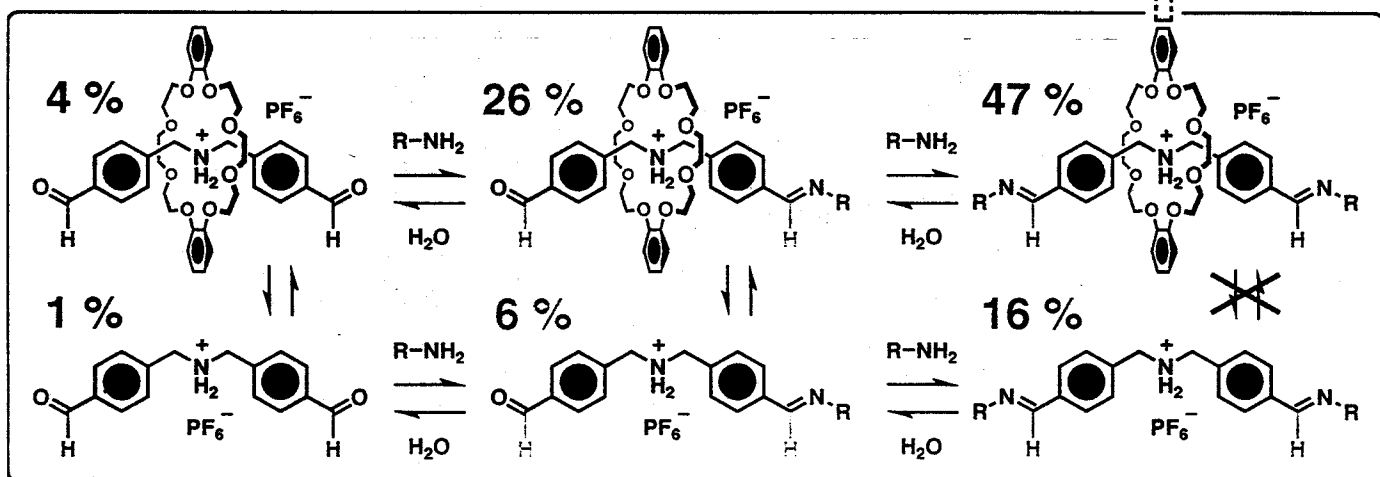
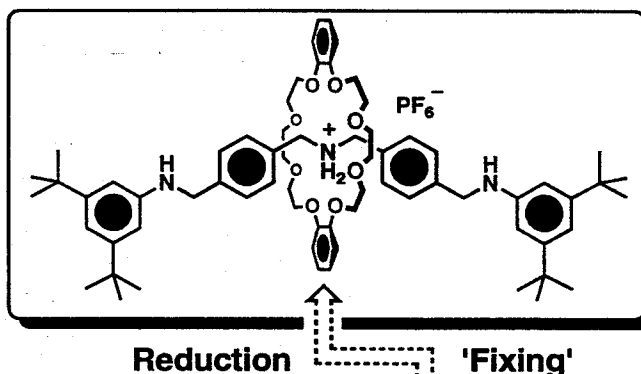
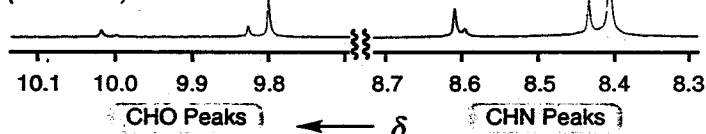
Thermodynamic Control Operates

Comparison of Equilibrium Spectra

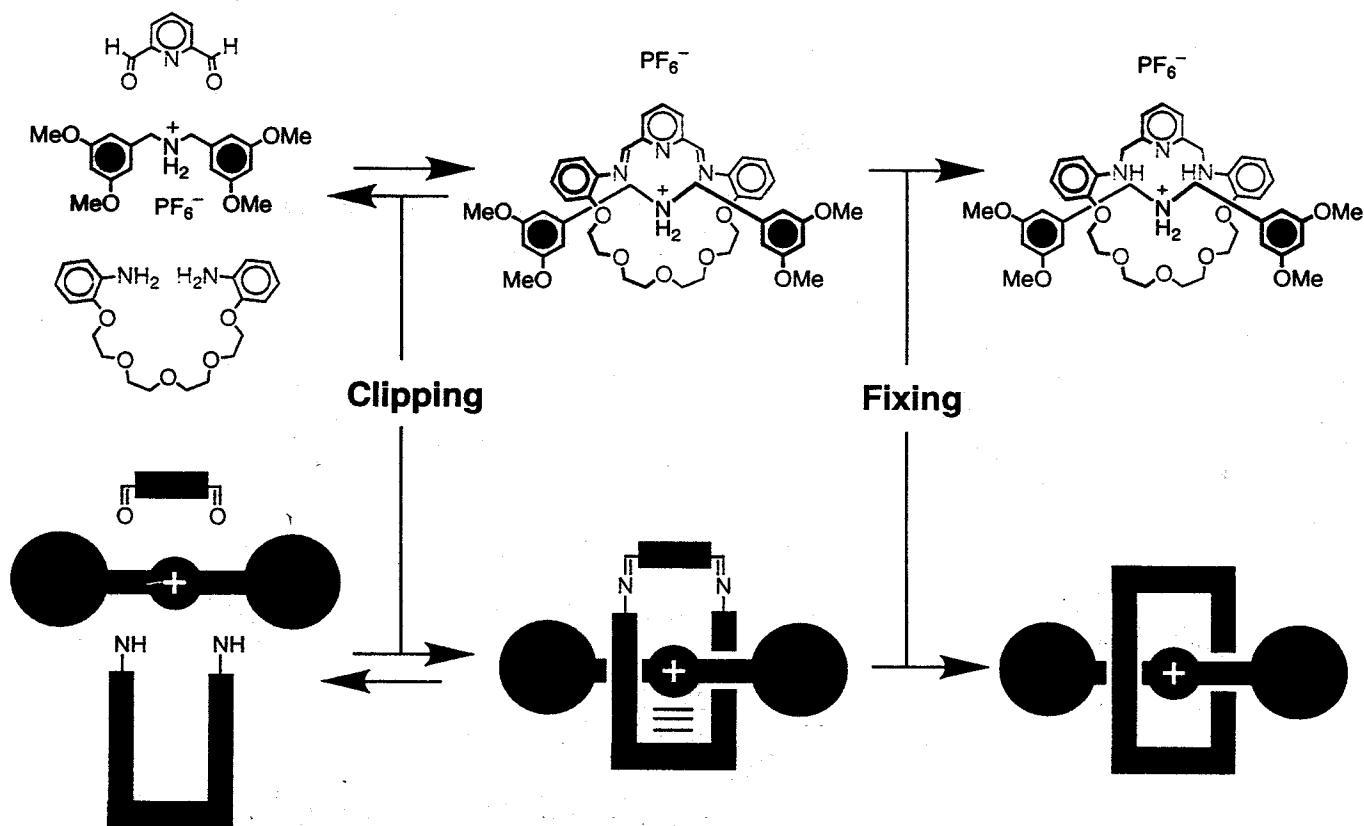
Imine Formation in the Presence of DB24C8
(2125 mins)



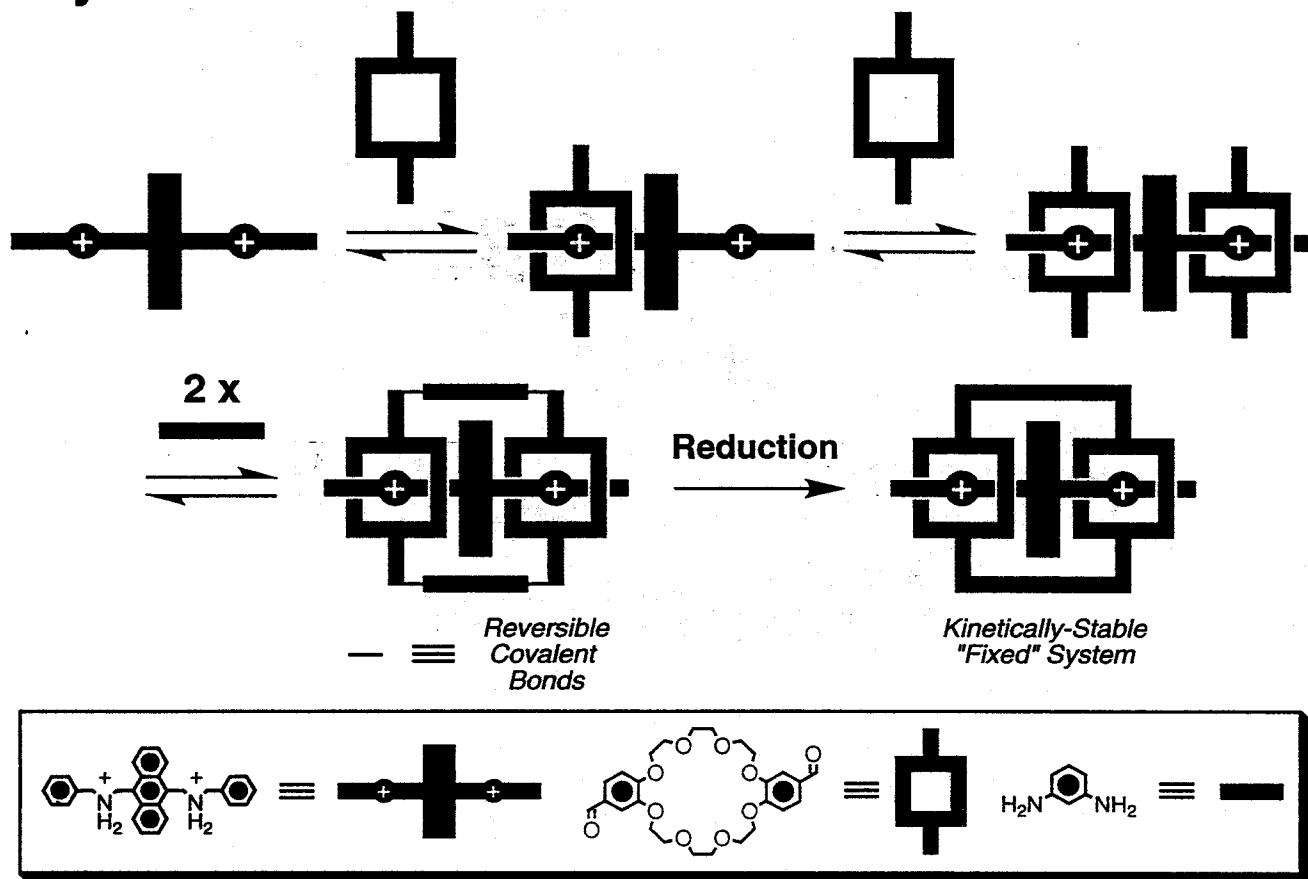
Imine Formation, THEN Addition of DB24C8
(6200 mins)



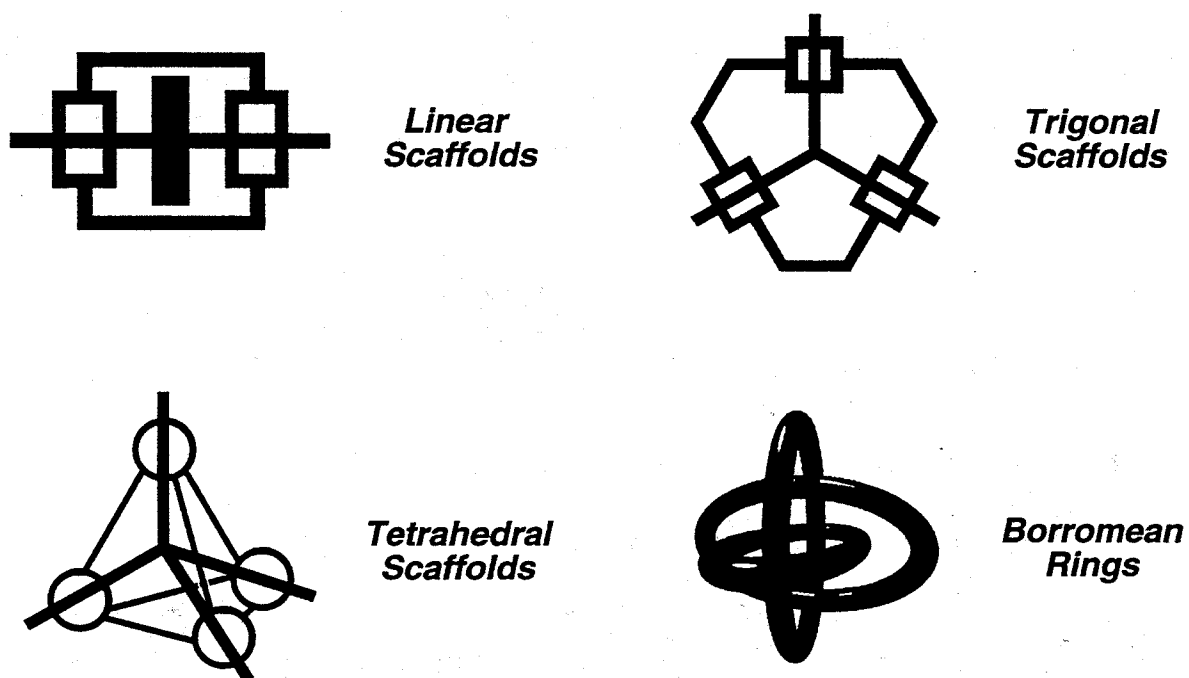
A Clipping Approach to [2]Rotaxanes



Dynamic Formation of New Interlocked Molecules



Beyond Catenanes and Rotaxanes...

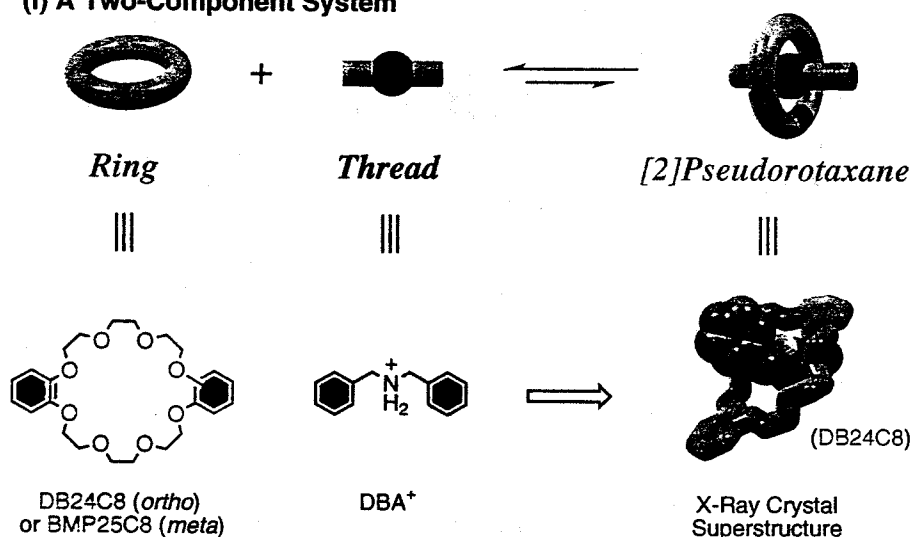


...with Thermodynamically-Controlled Covalent Bond Formation

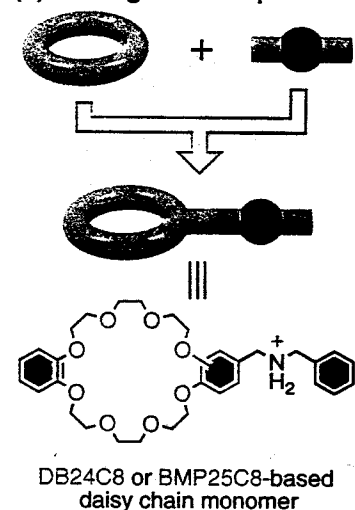
Daisy Chains and Supramolecular Polymers

The Aggregation of Self Complementary Molecules

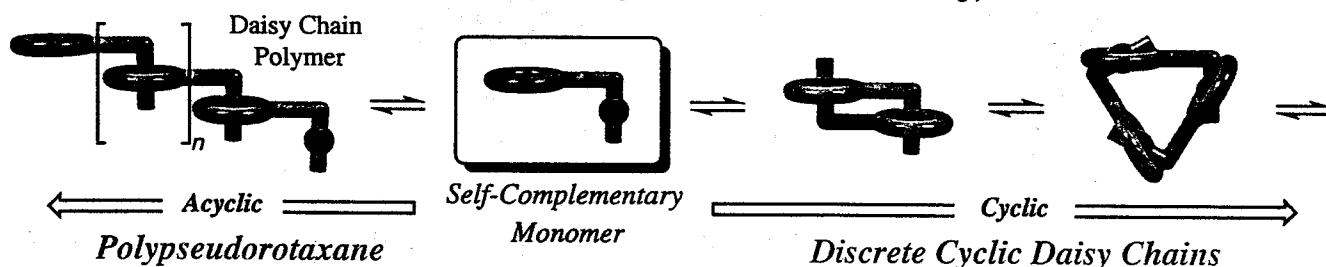
(i) A Two-Component System

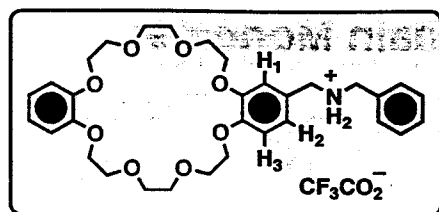


(ii) Fusing the Components

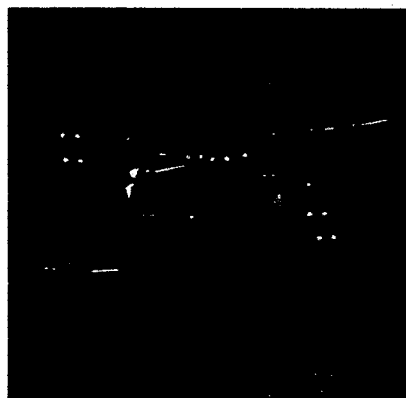
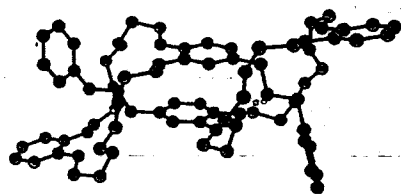


(iii) Possible Aggregation Geometries (assuming no intramolecular 'self-biting')

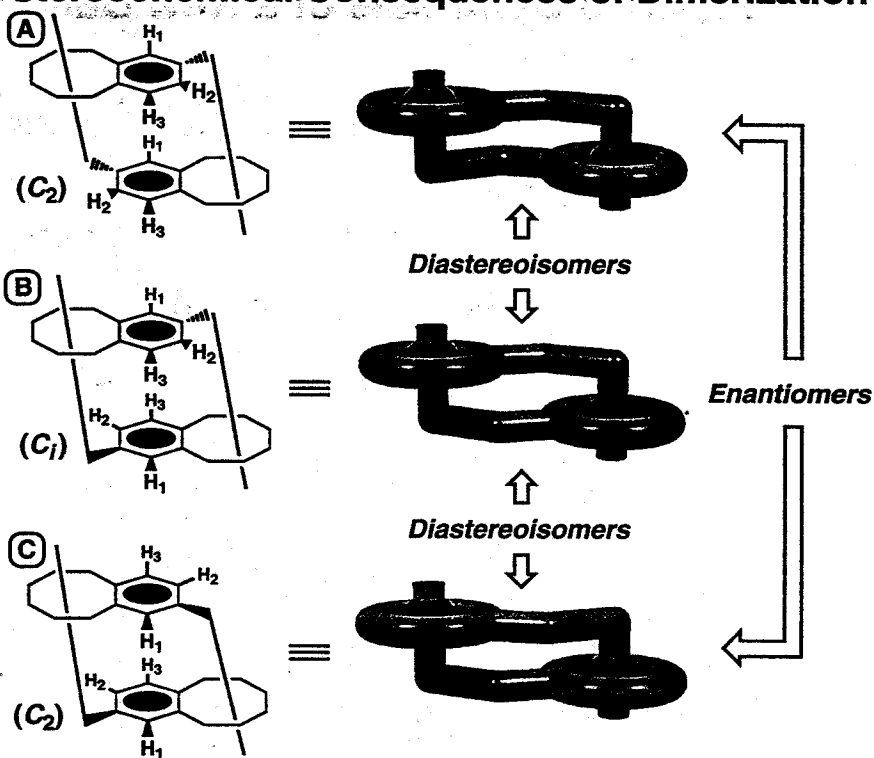




**A Solid State
Head-to-Tail Dimer**

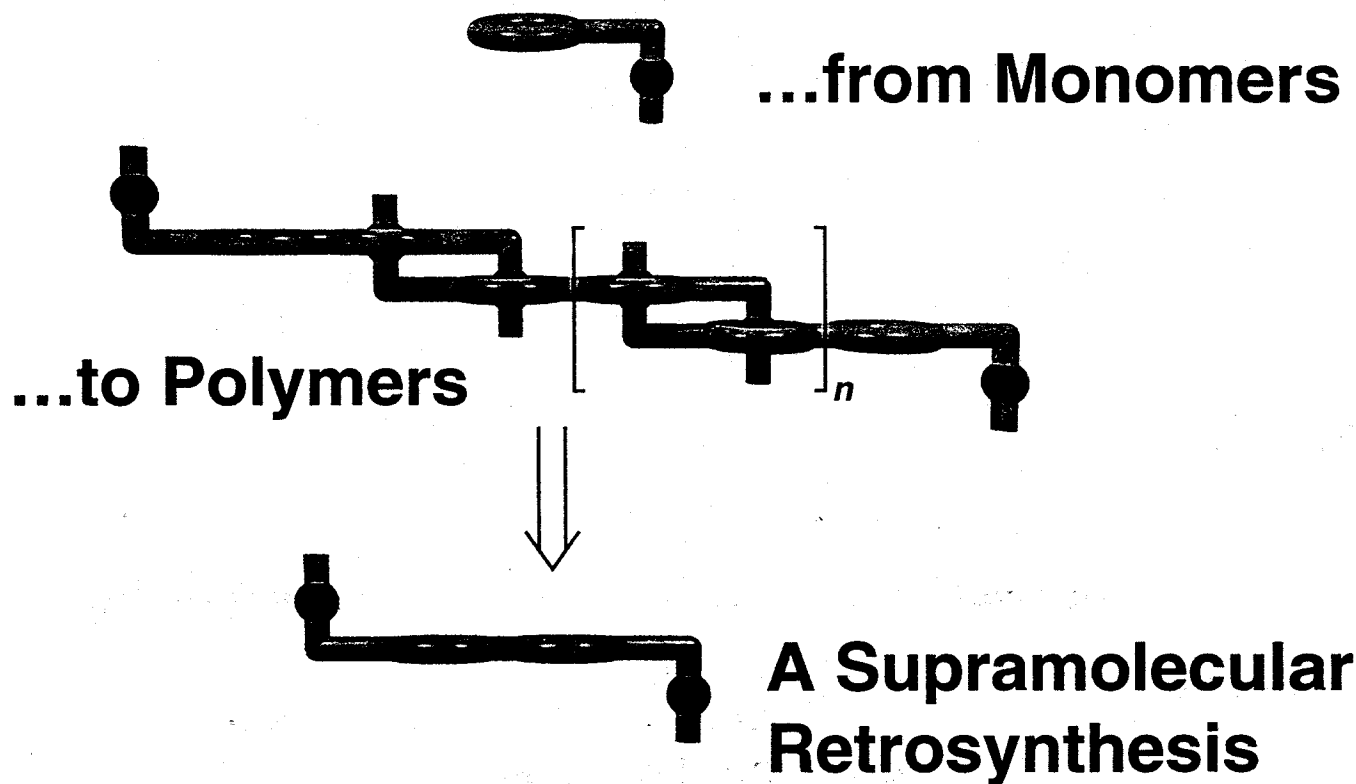


Stereochemical Consequences of Dimerization

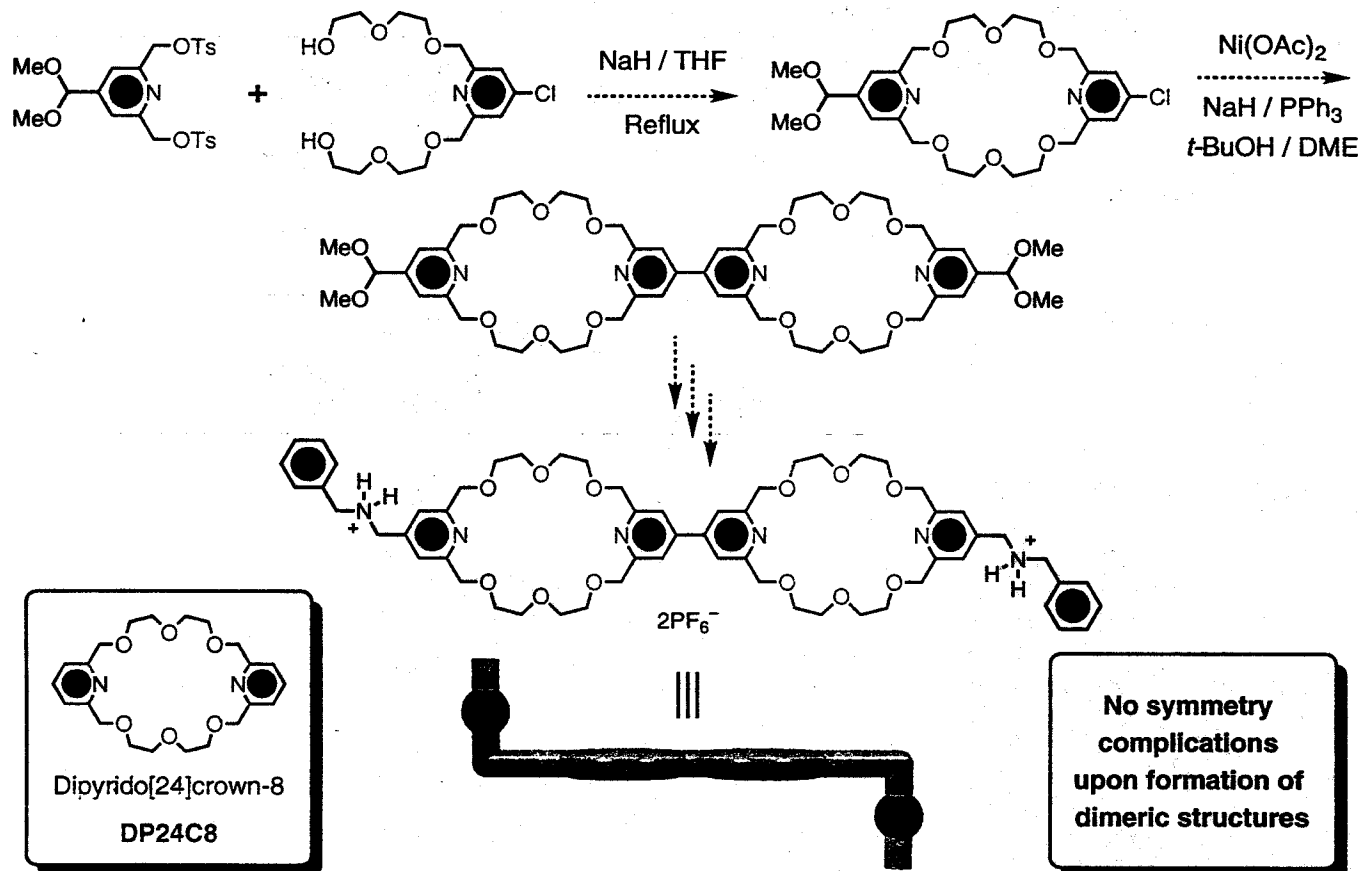


X-Ray crystallographic analysis revealed the crystals to be racemic (*i.e.*, containing equal amounts of A and C)

A Possible Route...

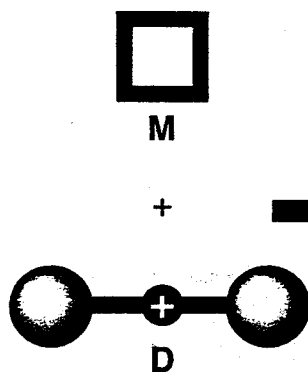


Proposed Synthesis of a New Daisy Chain Monomer

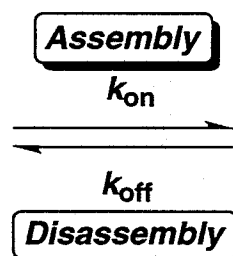


Noncovalent Synthesis of Rotaxane-Like Species

Slippage

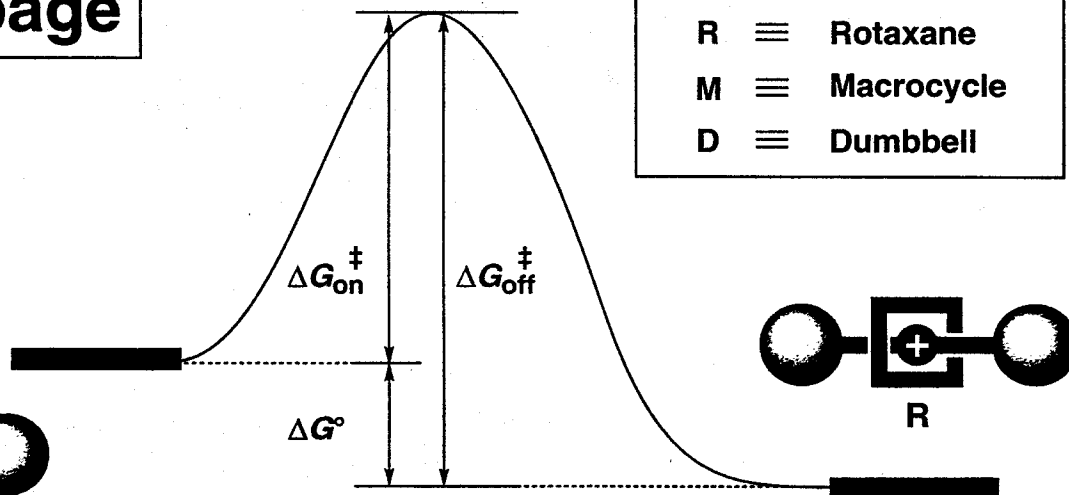


Thermodynamic Control

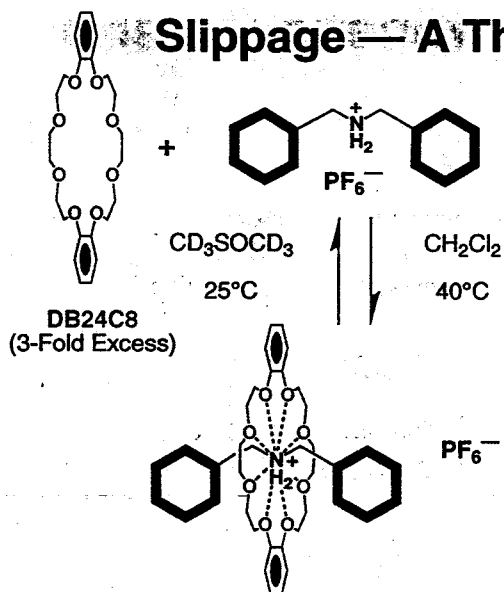


$$K_a = \frac{[\text{R}]}{[\text{M}][\text{D}]} = \frac{k_{\text{on}}}{k_{\text{off}}}$$

R \equiv Rotaxane
 M \equiv Macrocycle
 D \equiv Dumbbell



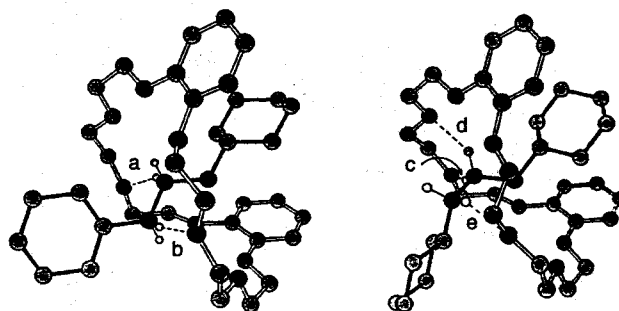
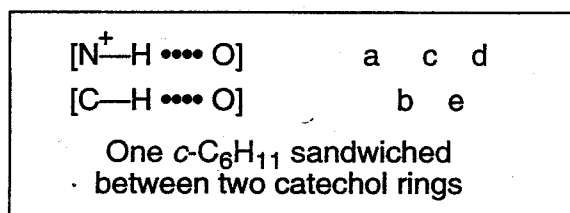
Slippage — A Thermodynamically-Controlled Process



Days	Dumbbell (%)	Rotaxane (%)
0	100.0	0.0
4	63.5	36.5
8	43.5	56.5
12	30.6	69.4
16	18.6	81.4
20	11.0	89.0
24	7.5	92.5
28	4.6	95.4
32	3.3	96.7
36	2.2	97.8

Two Crystallographically-Independent "Molecules"

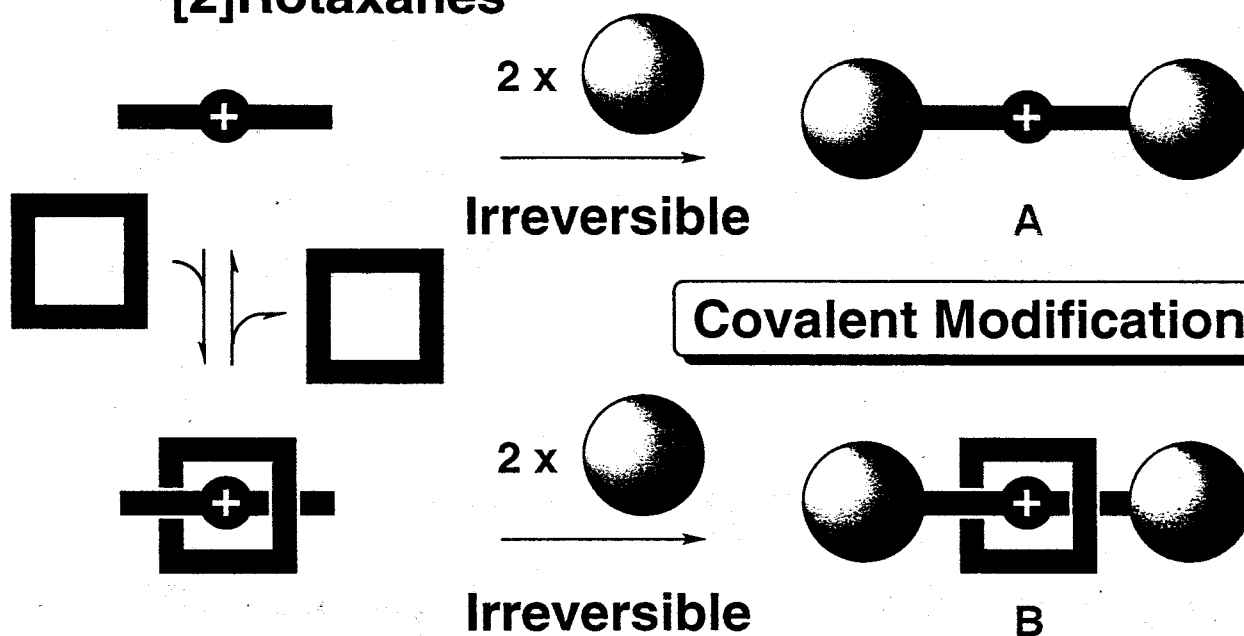
X-Ray Crystal Structure



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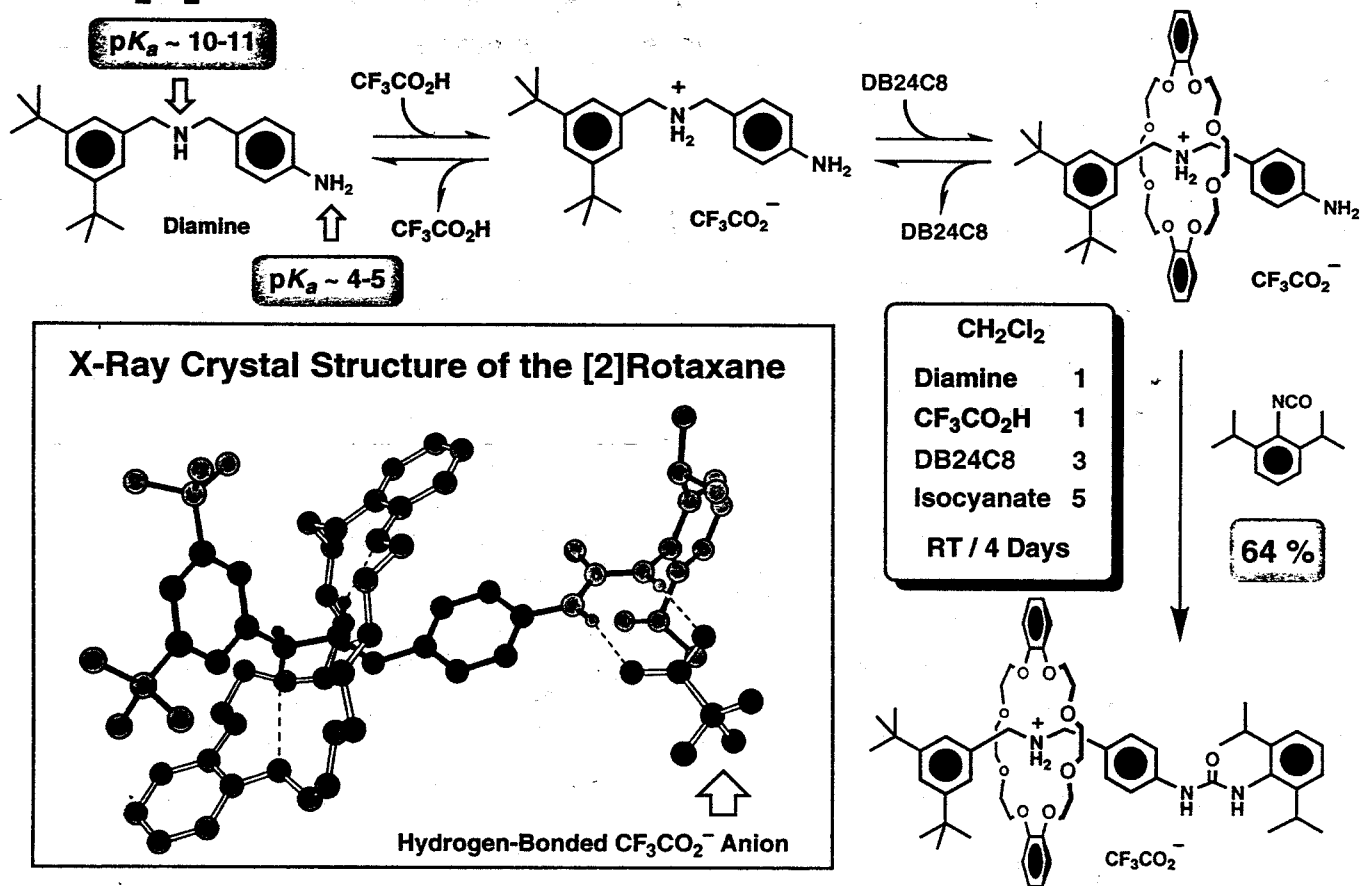
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Kinetic Control

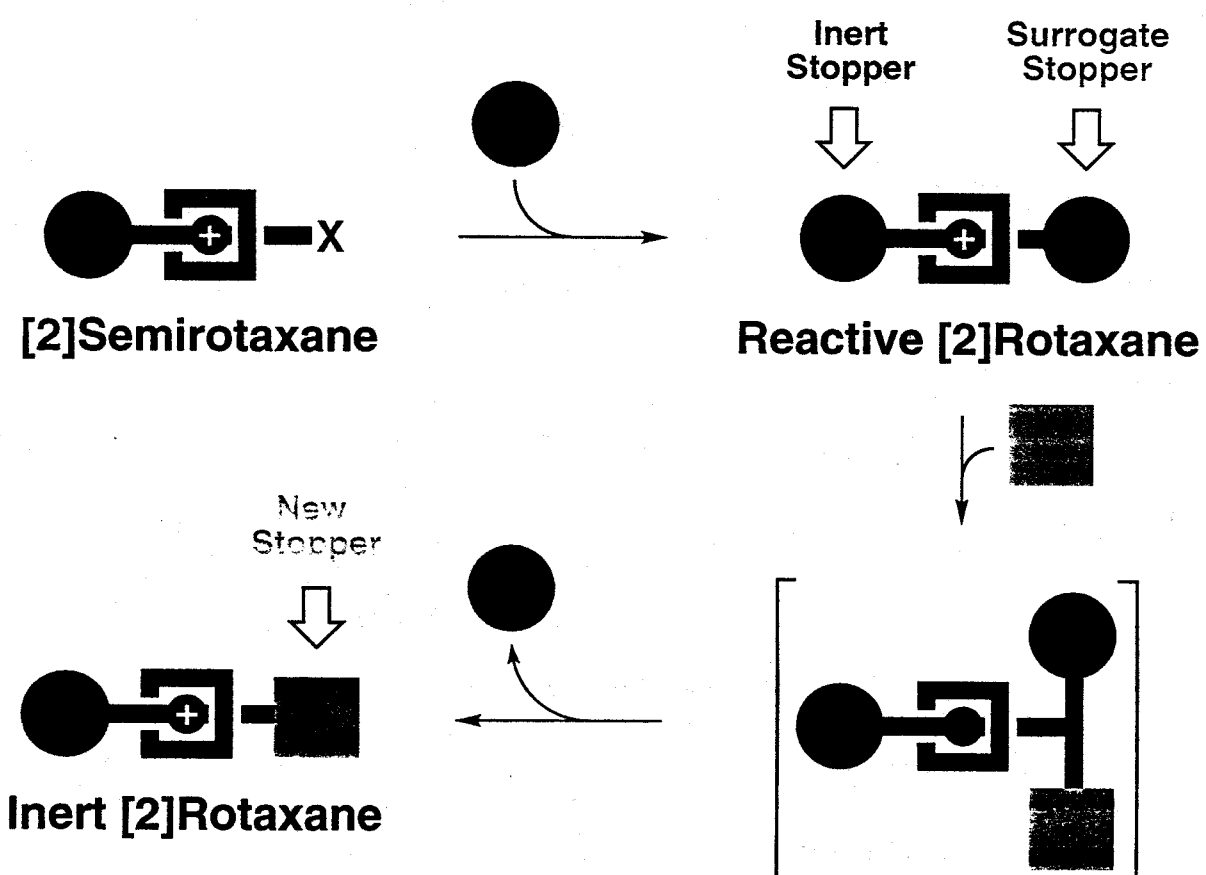


- If complexation/decomplexation is fast relative to Covalent Modification, then the ratio of A:B is proportional to the difference in the activation free energies of the transition states leading to A and B.

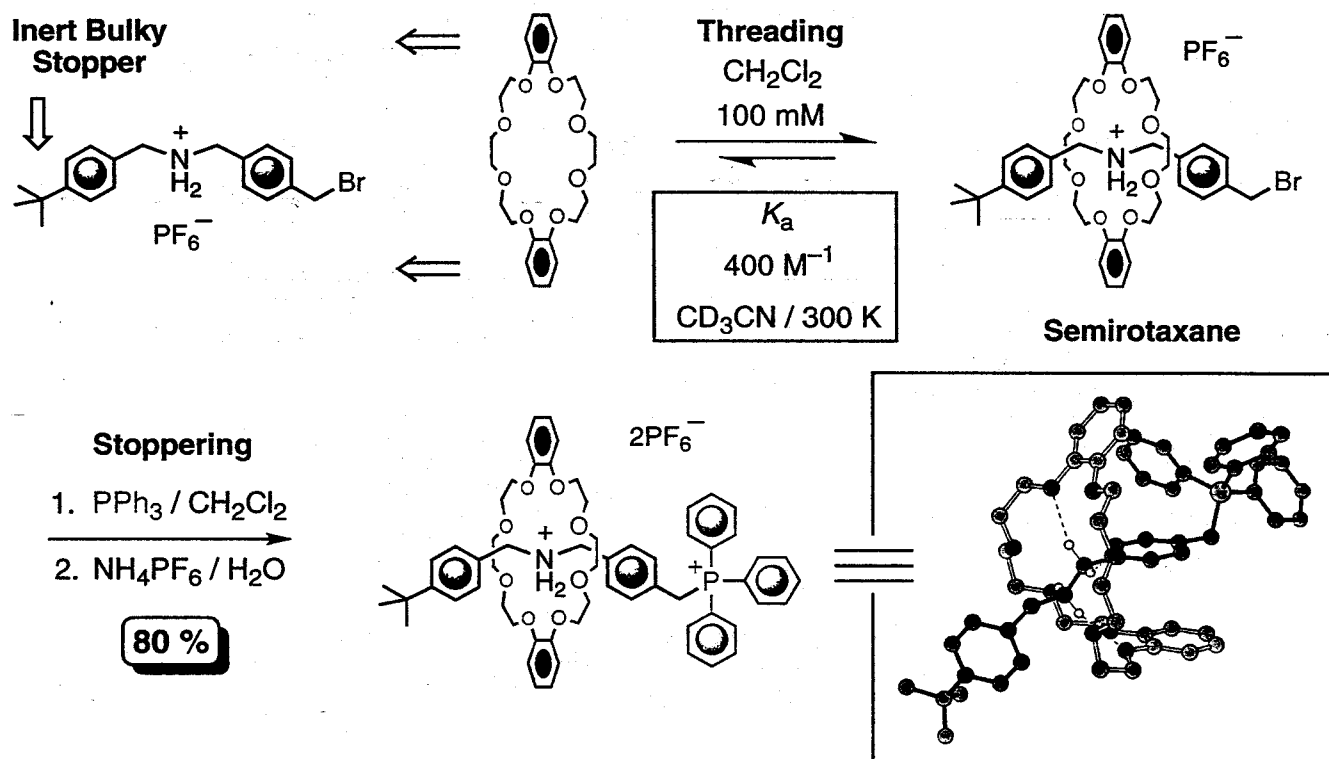
A [2]Rotaxane Formed Under Kinetic Control



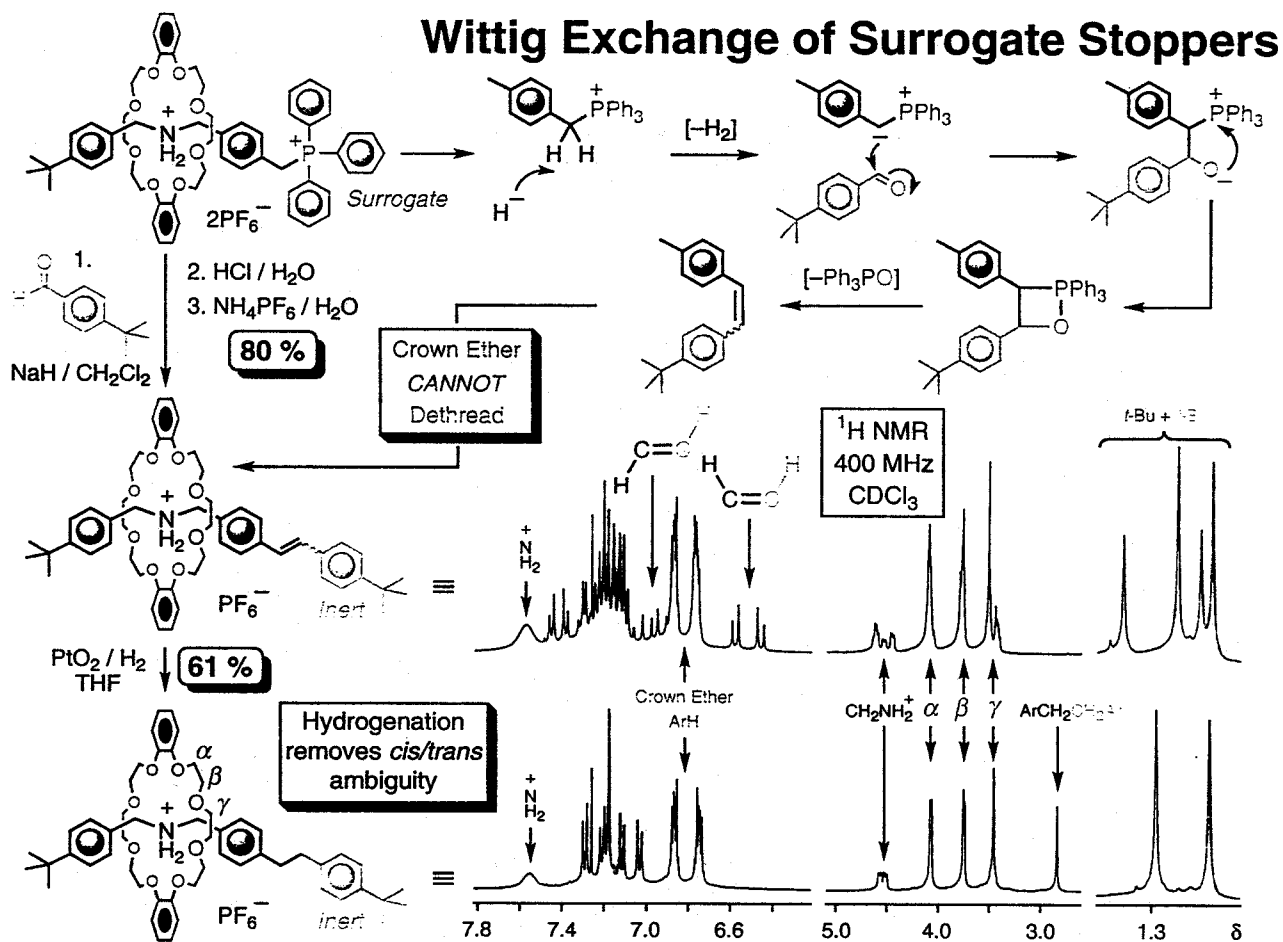
Exchanging the Stoppers in [2]Rotaxanes



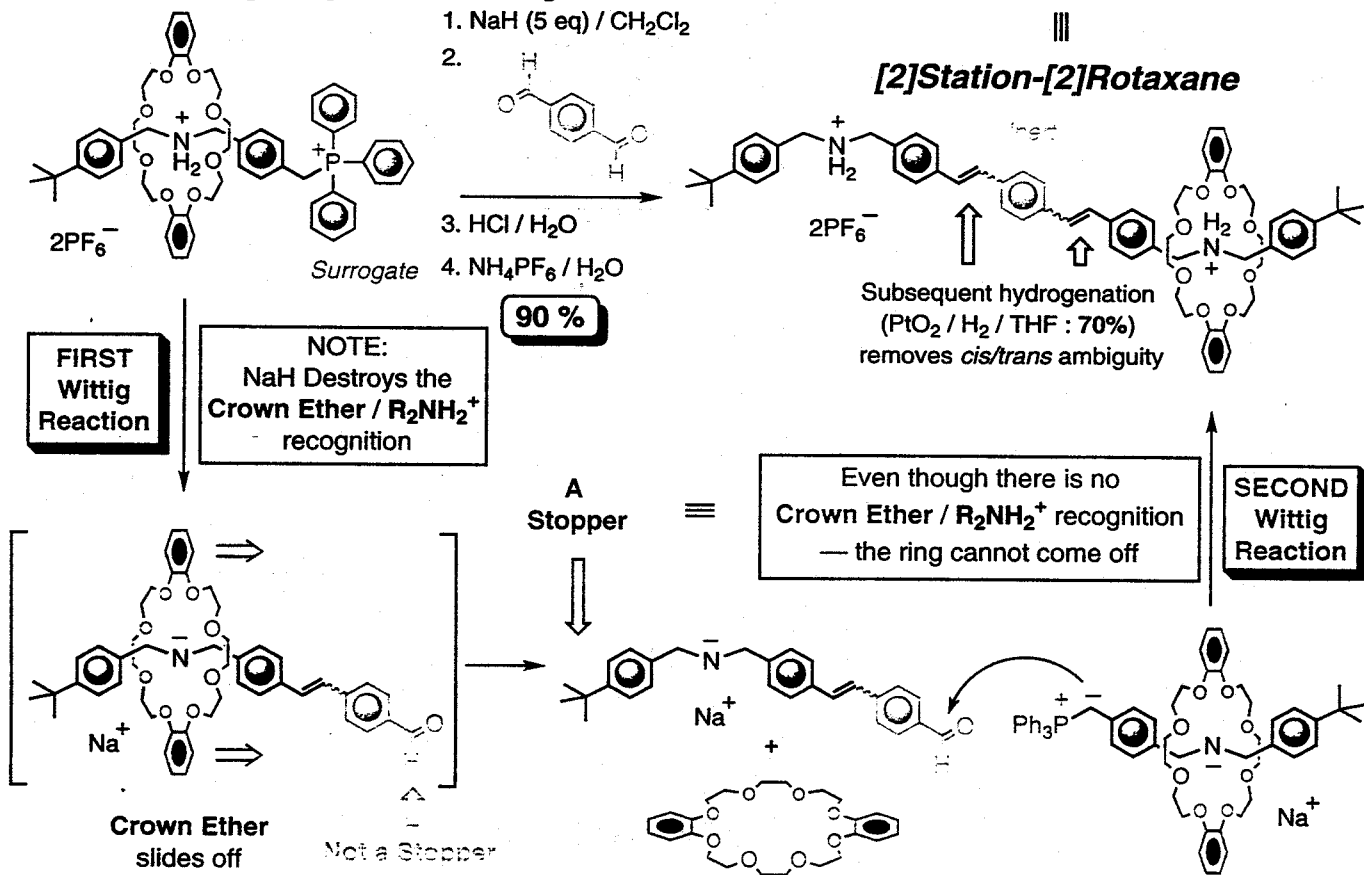
Template-Directed Synthesis of...



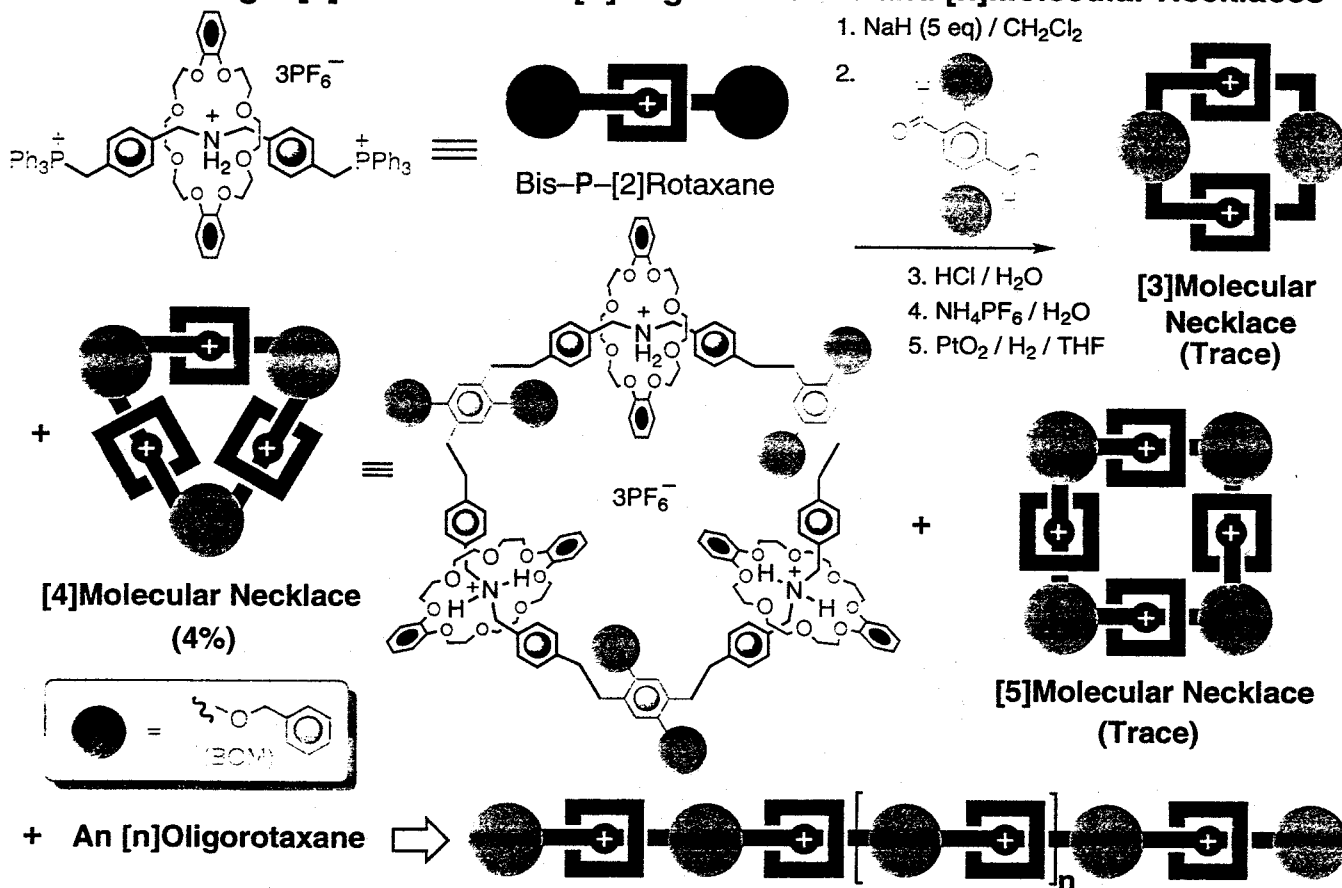
...a Phosphonium [2]Rotaxane



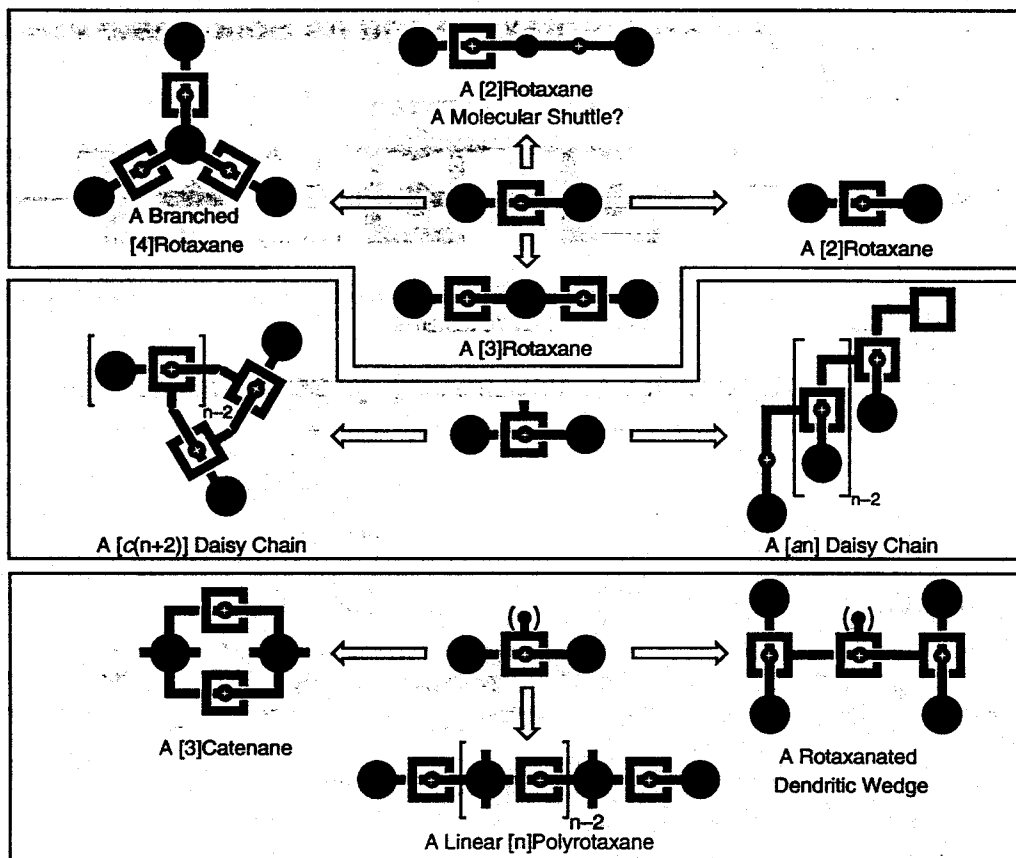
A Highly Specific Synthesis of a Molecular Shuttle



Transforming a [2]Rotaxane into [n]Oligorotaxanes and [n]Molecular Necklaces



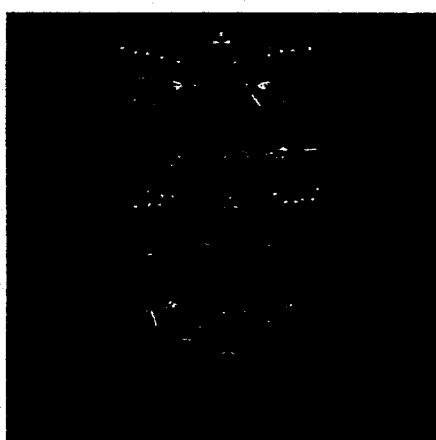
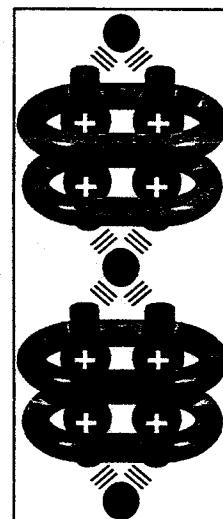
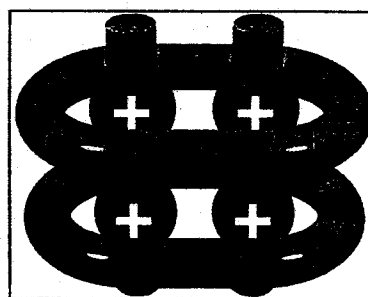
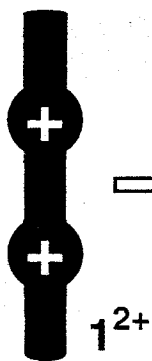
Some of the New Interlocked Architectures within Reach



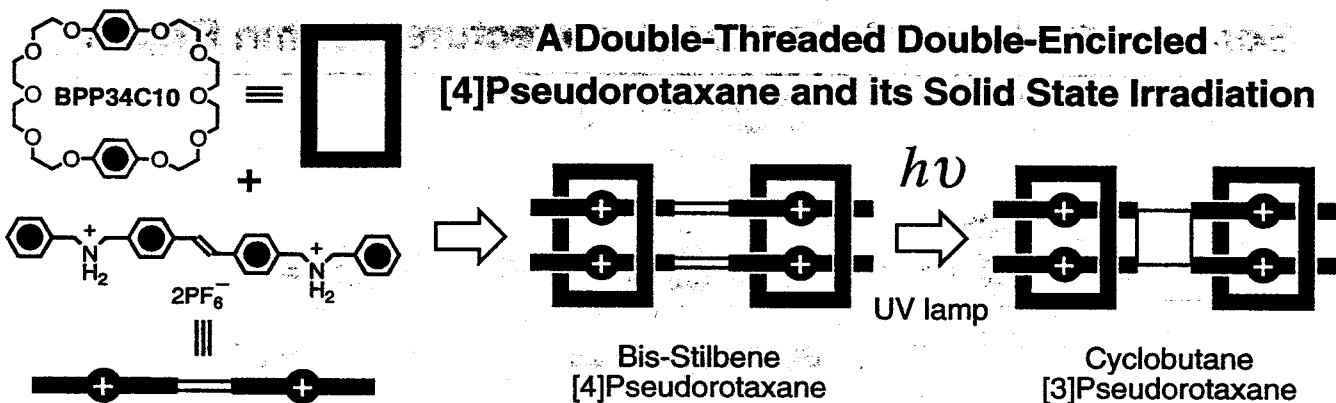
Solid-State Superstructure of $[BPP34C10(1)_2]^{4+}$



BPP34C10

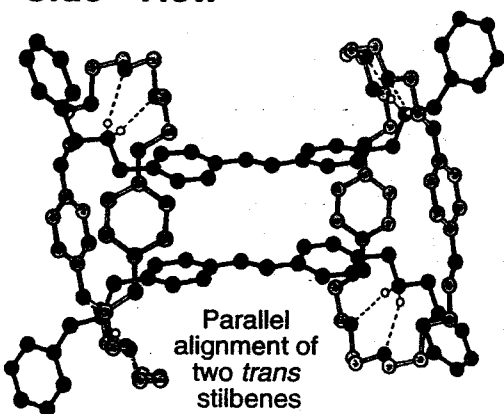


The PF_6^- Anions are responsible for the One-Dimensional Array

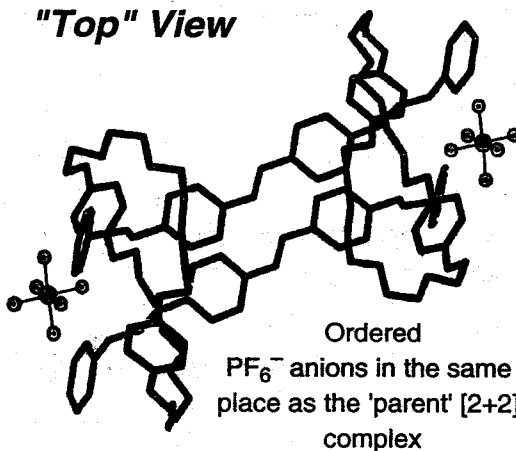


Solid-State Superstructure of the Precursor [4]Pseudorotaxane

"Side" View



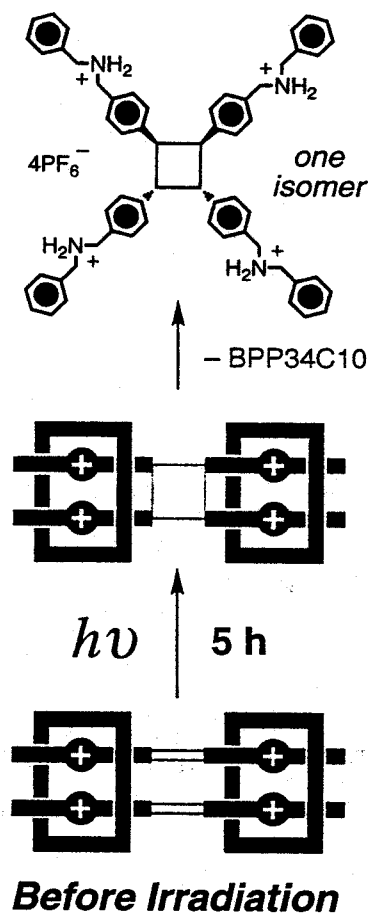
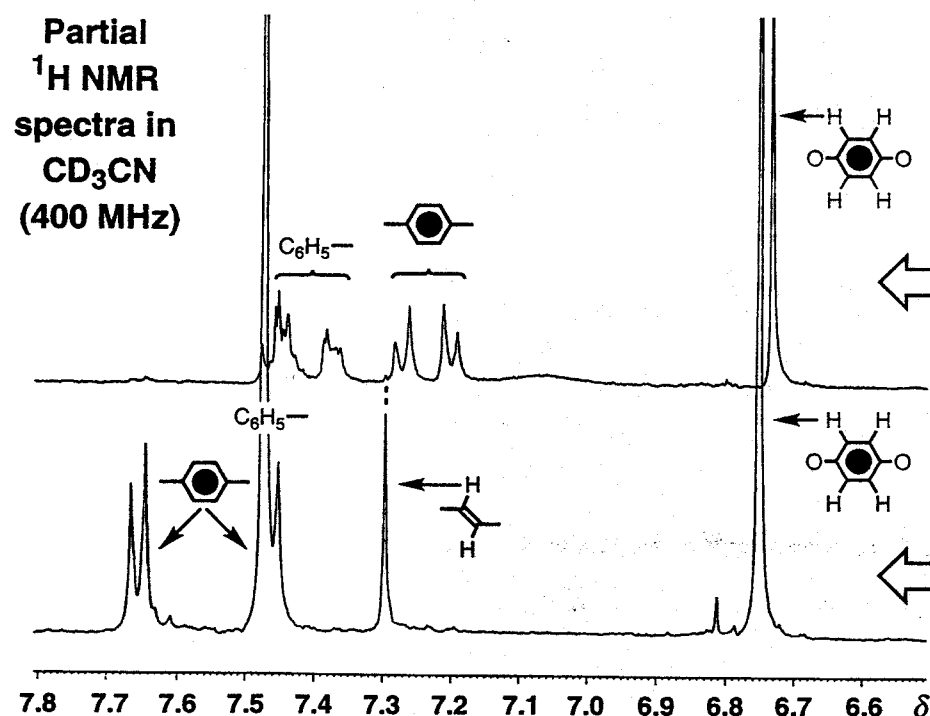
"Top" View



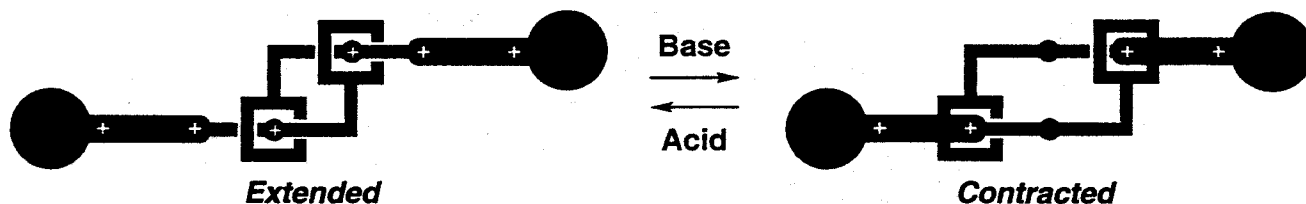
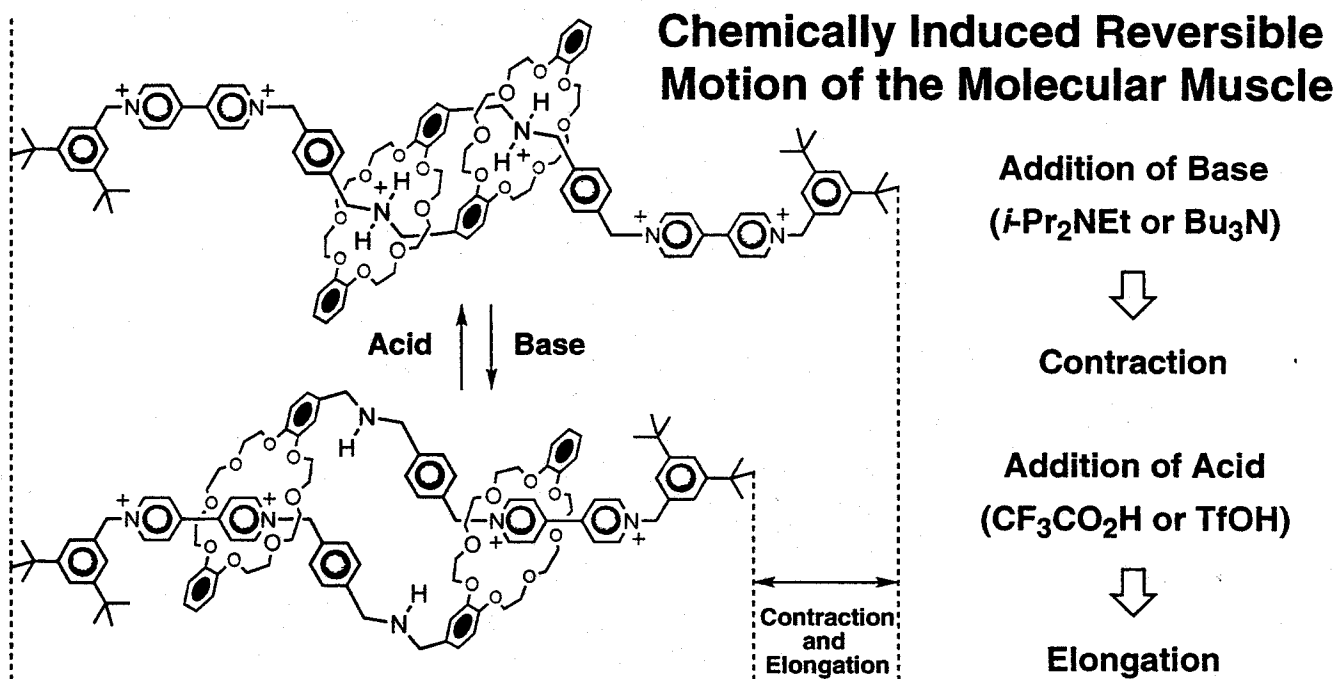
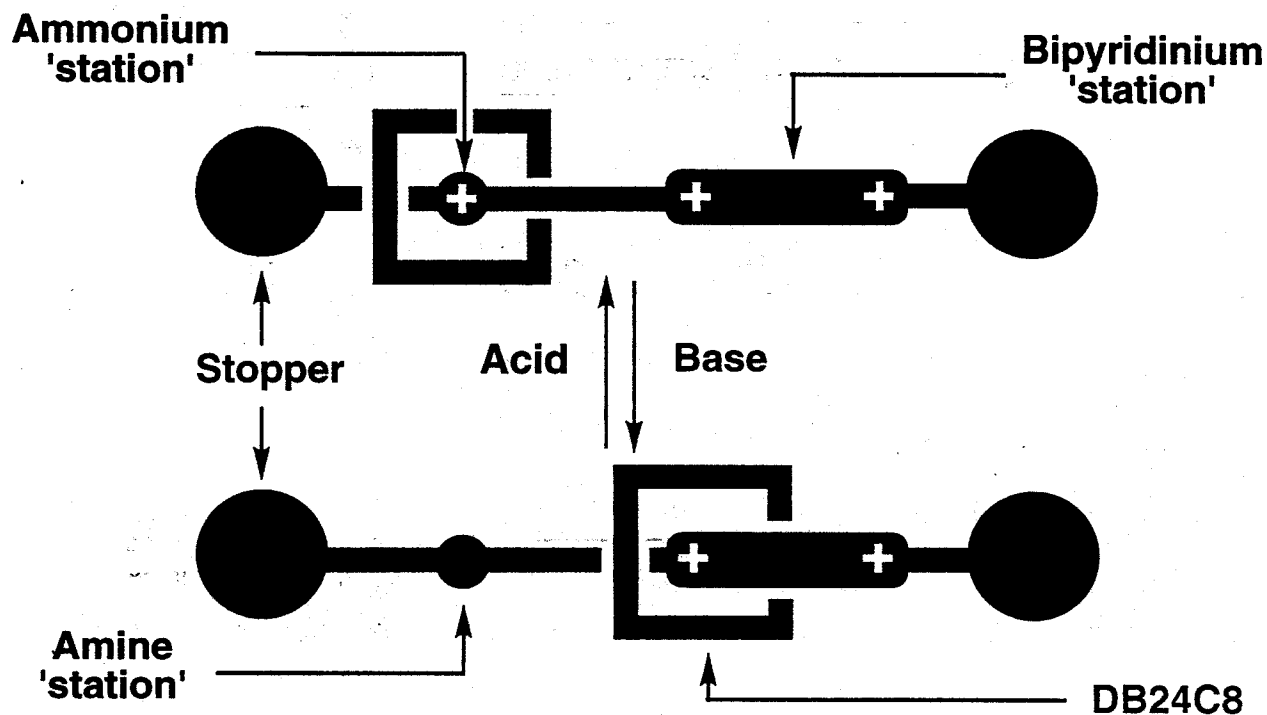
- Short enough stilbene-stilbene distance (~3.6 Å) for photoaddition to occur
- Unique stilbene-stilbene alignment should result in only **one** cyclobutane isomer

Solution Phase ¹H NMR Characterization of Crystals Before and After UV-Irradiation

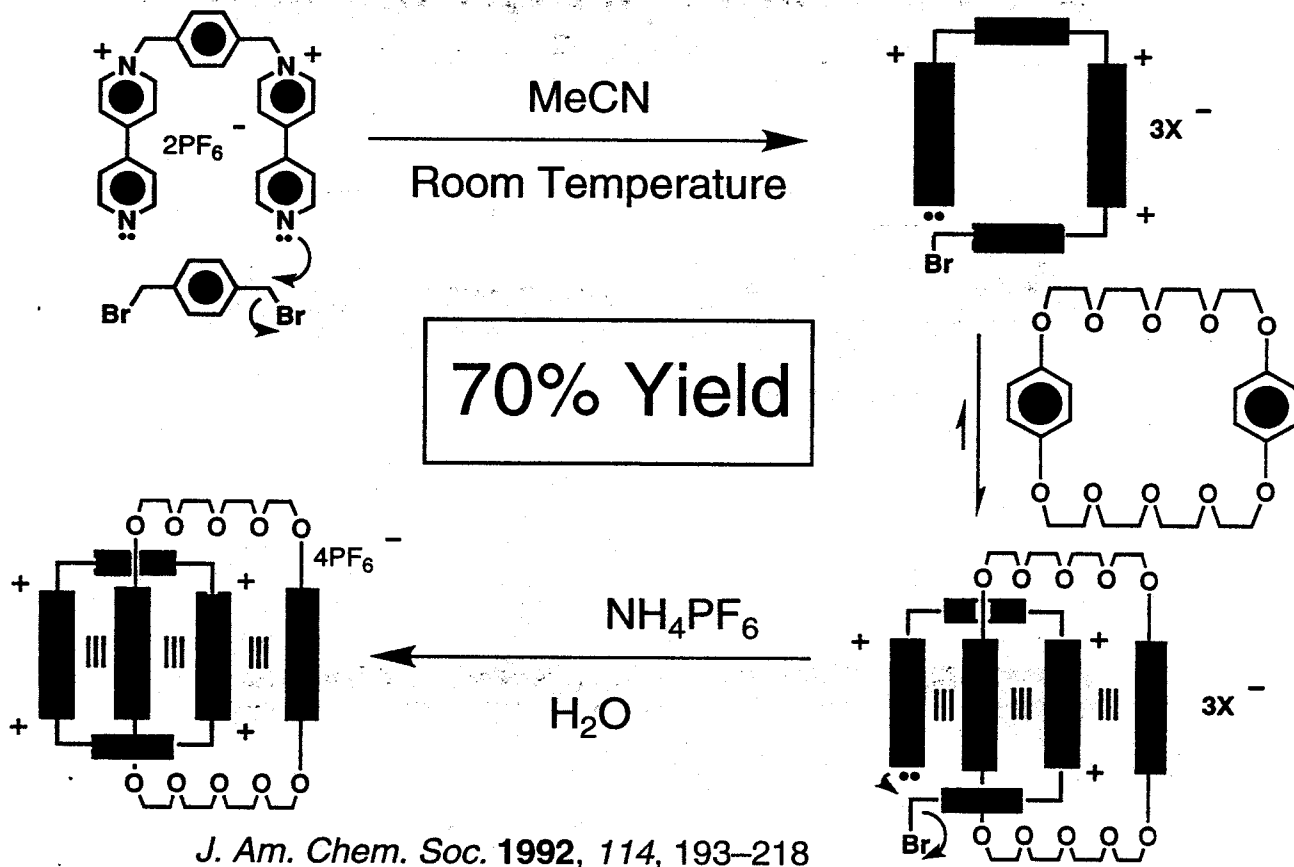
○ Note: No Solid State Photodimerization is observed in the absence of BPP34C10



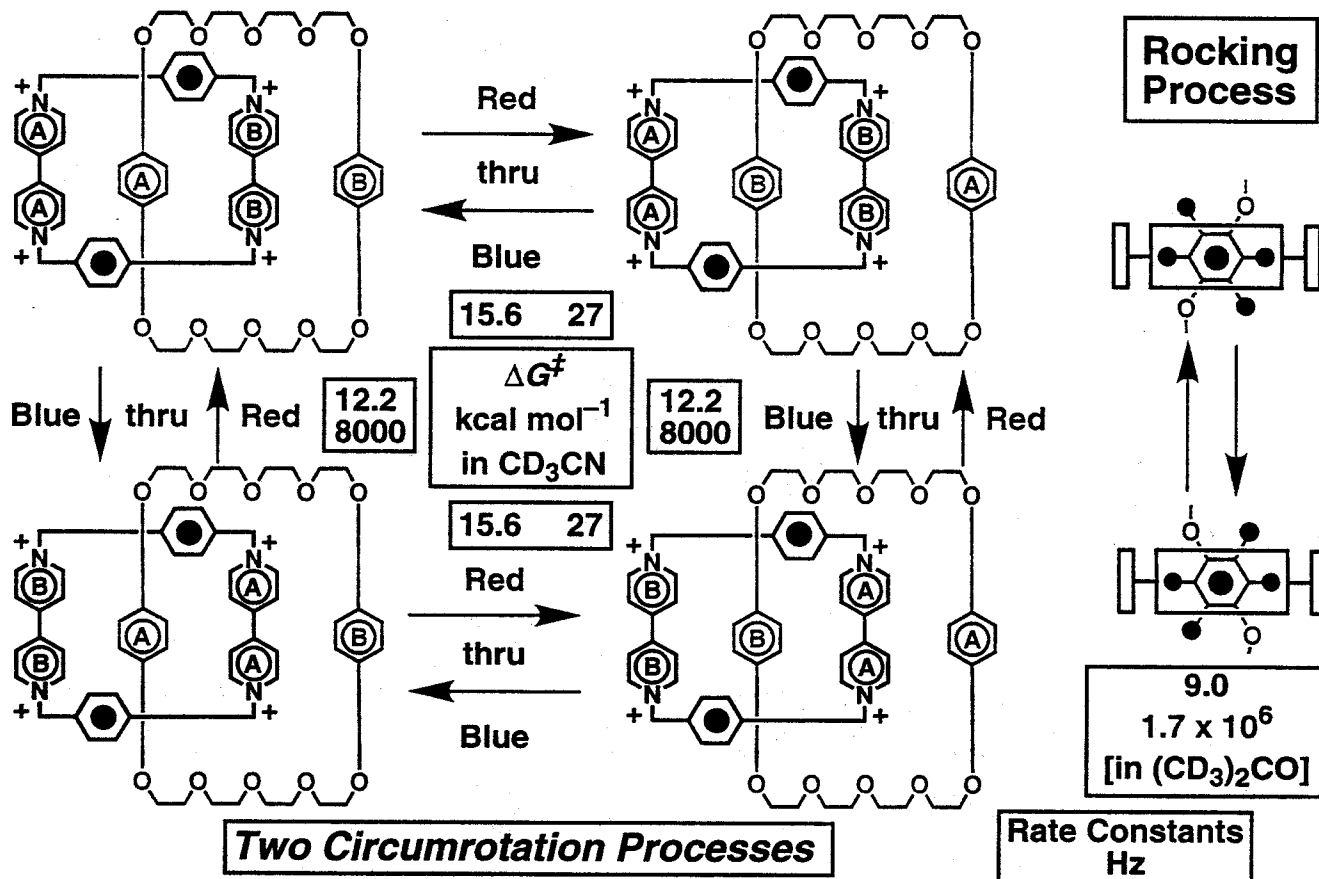
A Reversible pH-Controlled Molecular Switch

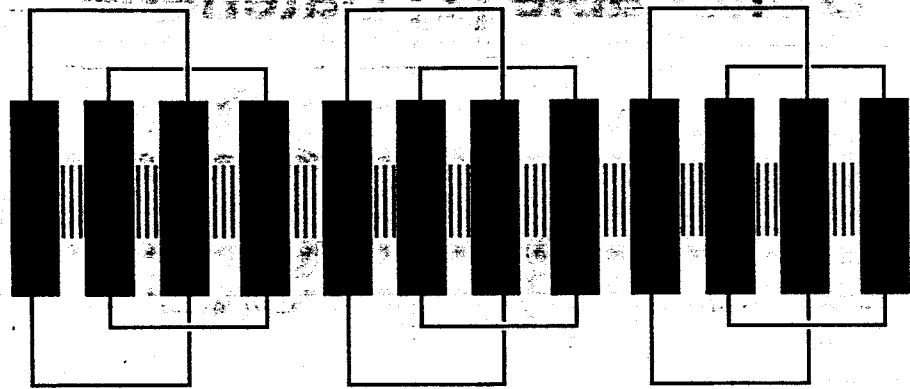


A [2]Catenane Made to Order



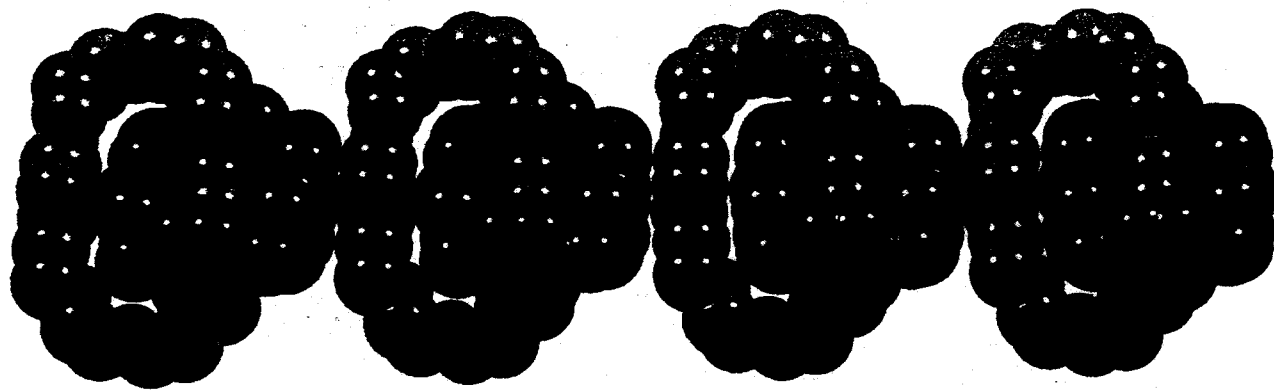
The [2]Catenane — A Basis for Building Molecular Switches



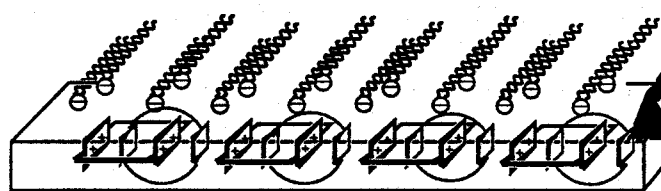


A Continuous Donor-Acceptor Stack is Observed in the Crystal Lattice of the [2]Catenane...

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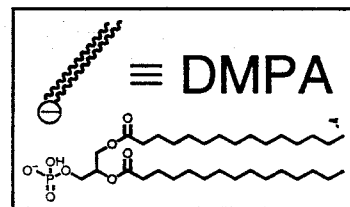


...and at Interfaces



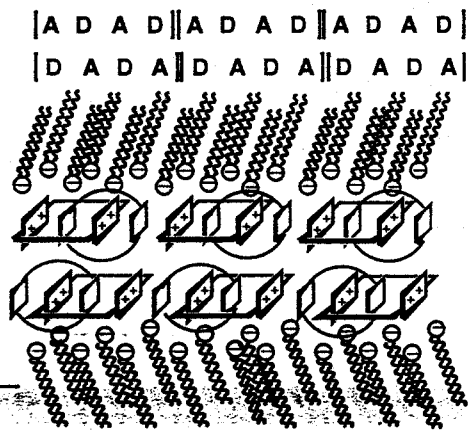
2.3 nm² per Molecular Aggregate (4:1)

Barrier movement -
Compression



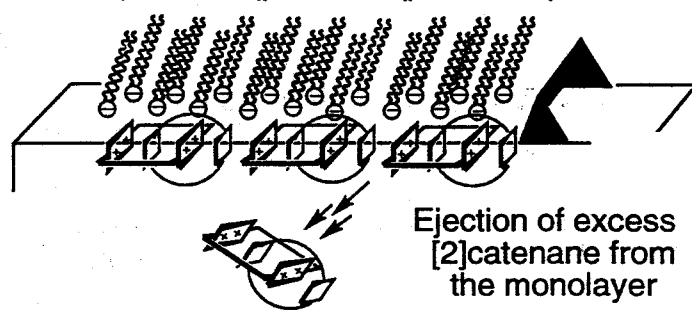
Langmuir Films

Langmuir-Blodgett Bilayer



Hydrophobized Quartz

| A D A D | | A D A D | | A D A D |



Ejection of excess [2]catenane from the monolayer

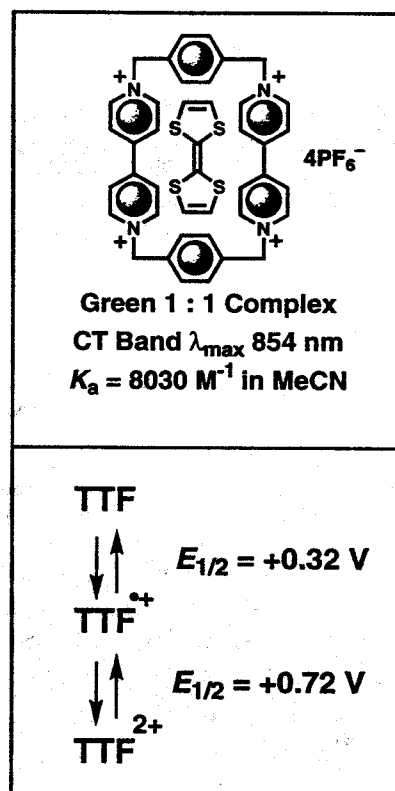
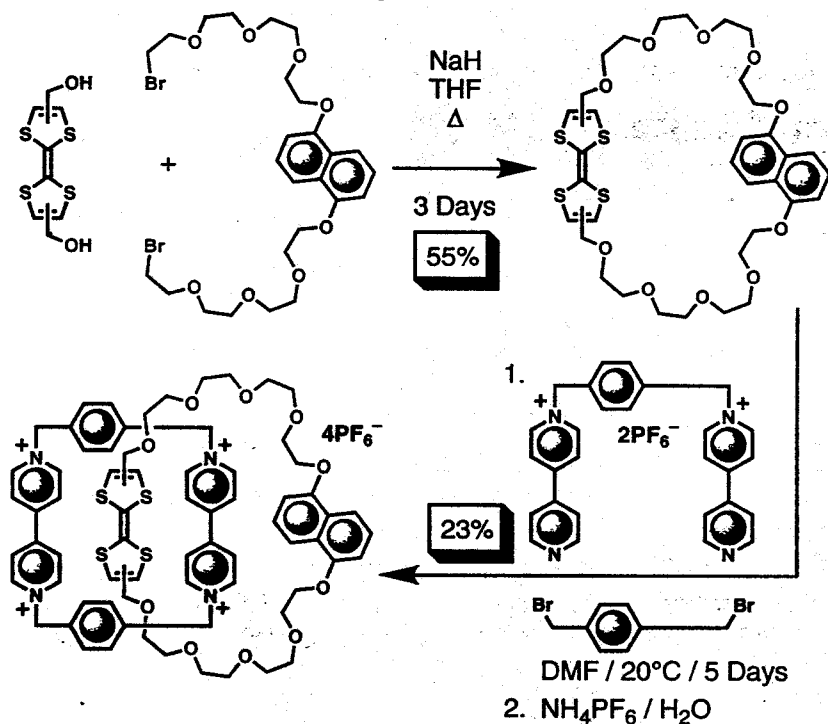
1.8 nm² per Molecular Aggregate (5 to 6:1)

Langmuir-Blodgett Multilayer

Langmuir 2000, 16, 1924-1930

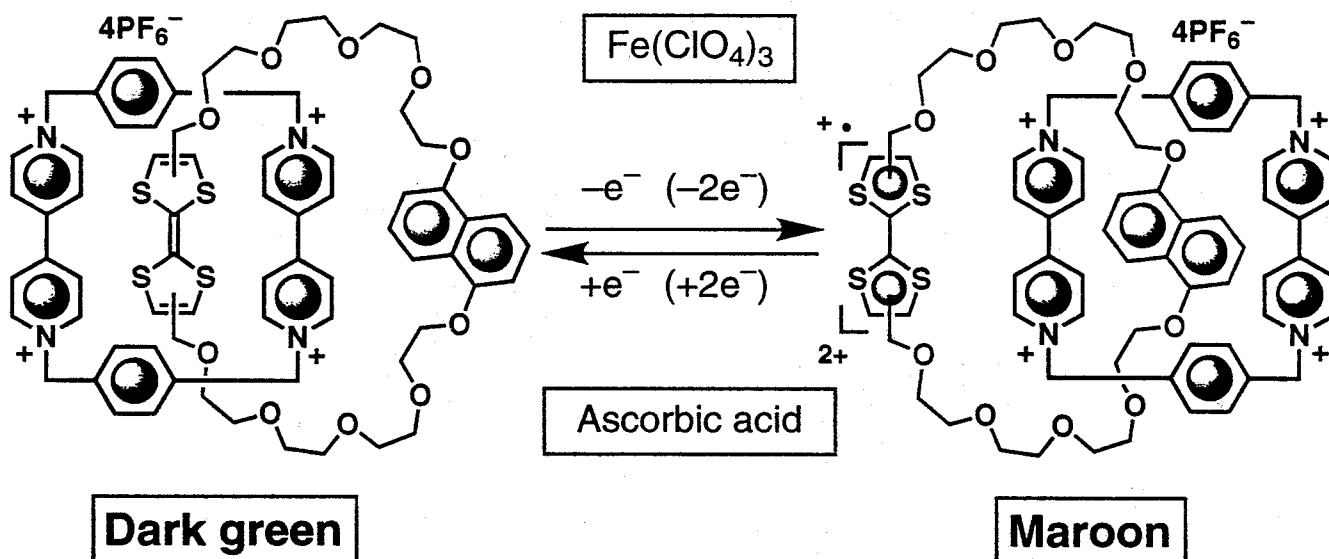
Chemically and Electrochemically

Switchable [2] Catenane



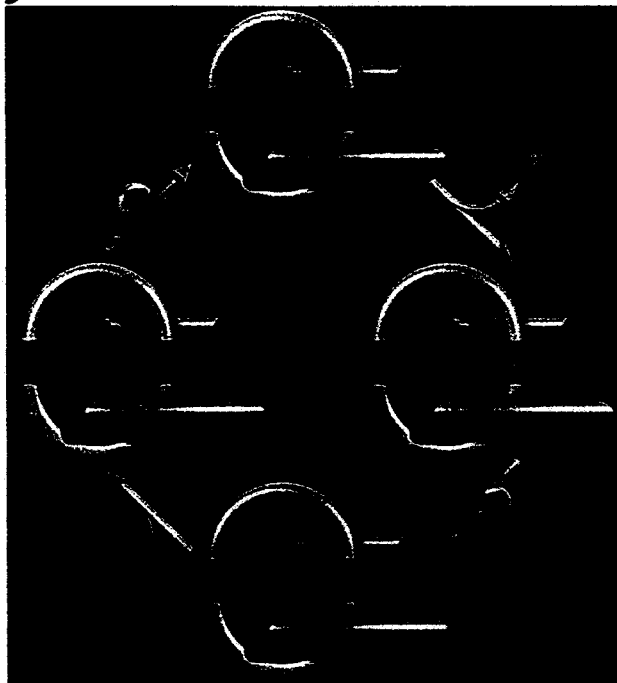
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A Redox-Controlled [2]Catenane



- The catenane can be switched by either chemical or electrochemical means

Controlling Circumrotation in the TTF [2]Catenane



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Stimulus

Electrochemical
or
Chemical
with
Oxidizing and Reducing Agents

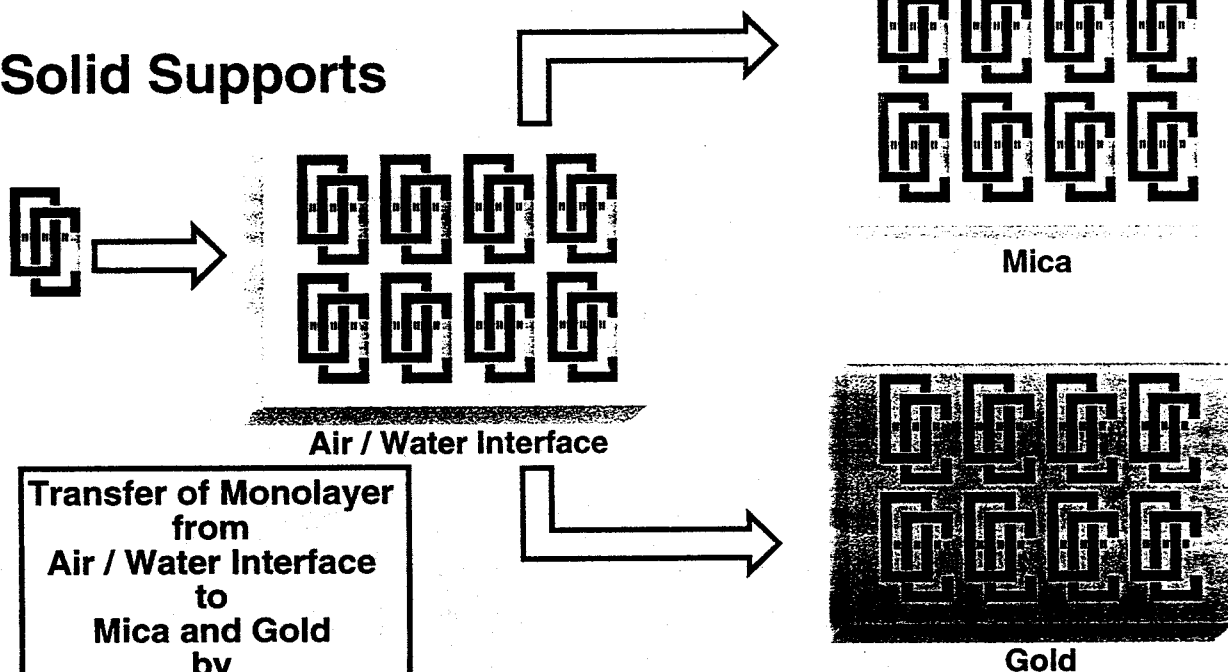
Readout

Color Change
or
Visible Absorption Spectrum

Depositing Switchable [2]Catenane Monolayers

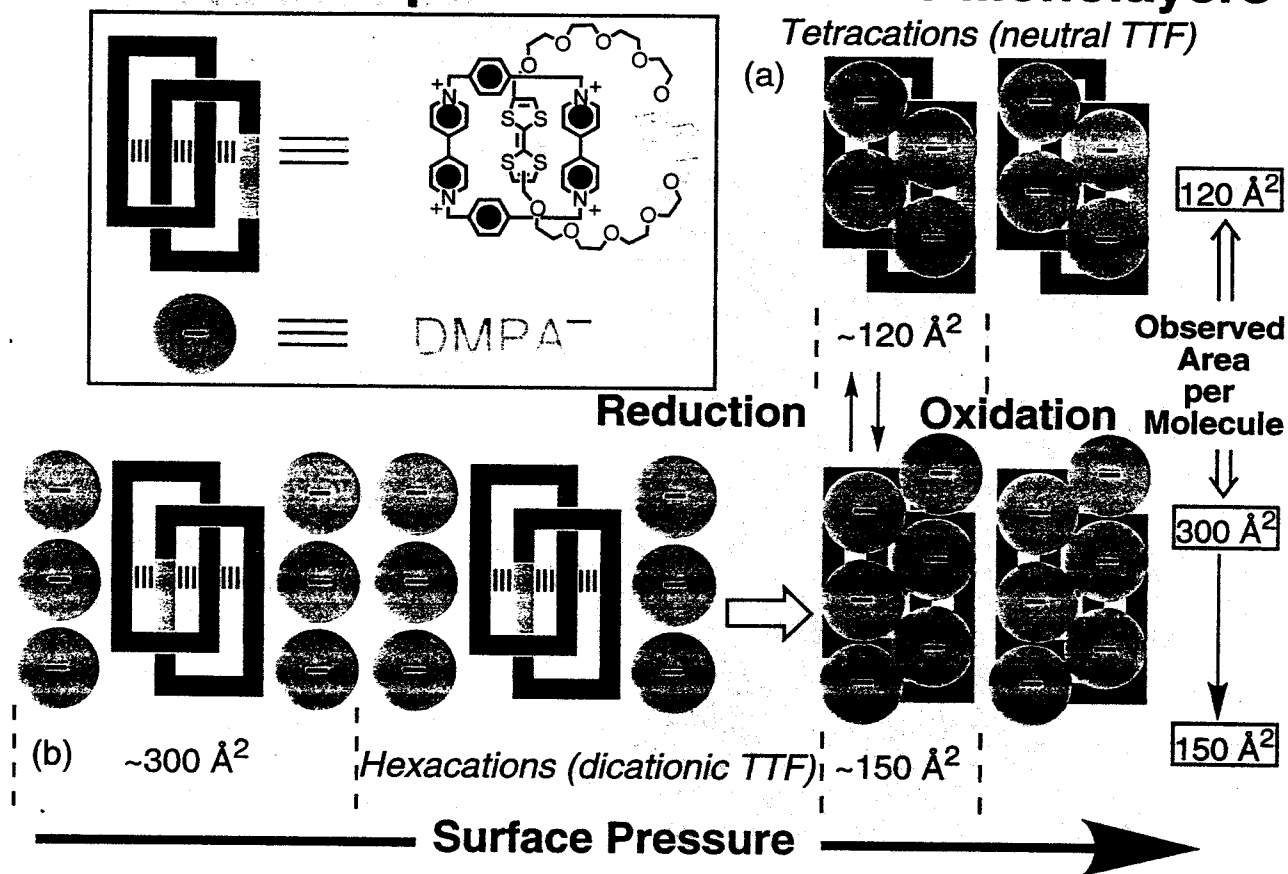
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Solid Supports

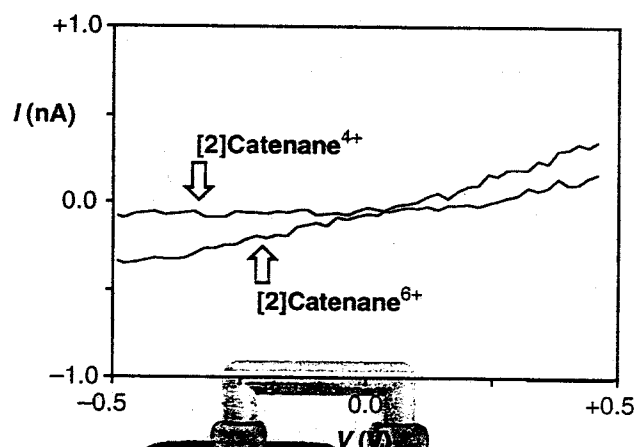


Transfer of Monolayer
from
Air / Water Interface
to
Mica and Gold
by
Horizontal Lifting
Technique

Schematic Representations of the Monolayers



Current / Voltage Response of Monolayers of the [2]Catenane on a Gold Surface

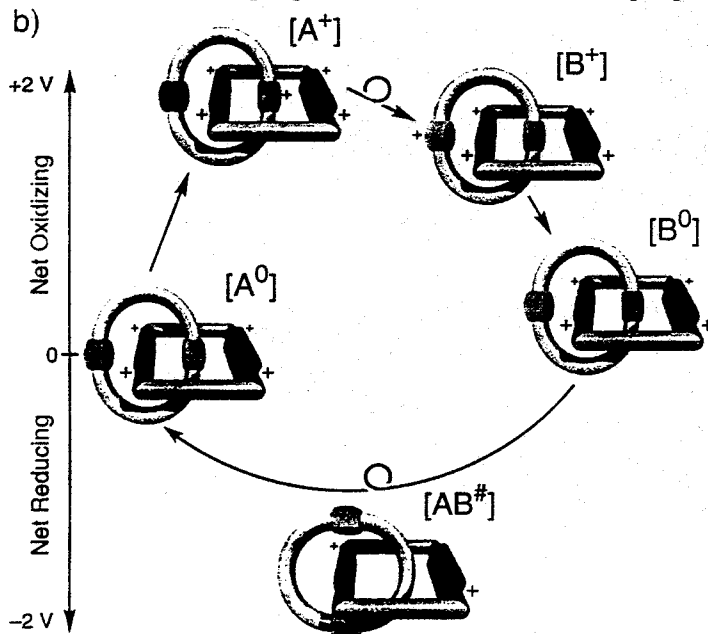
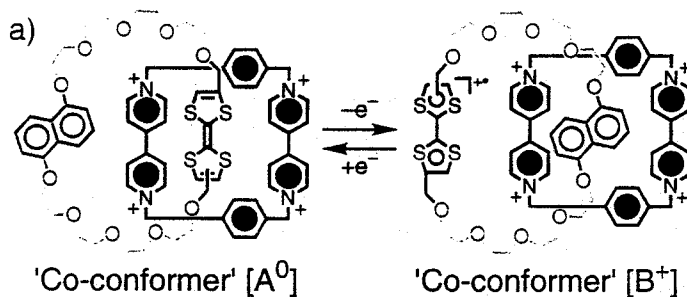
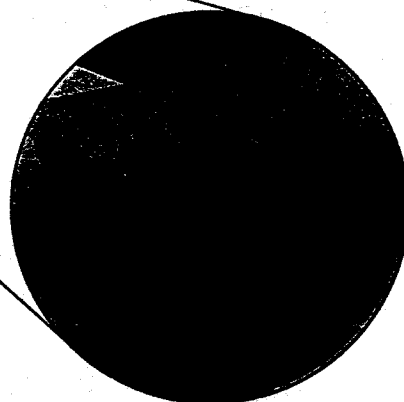
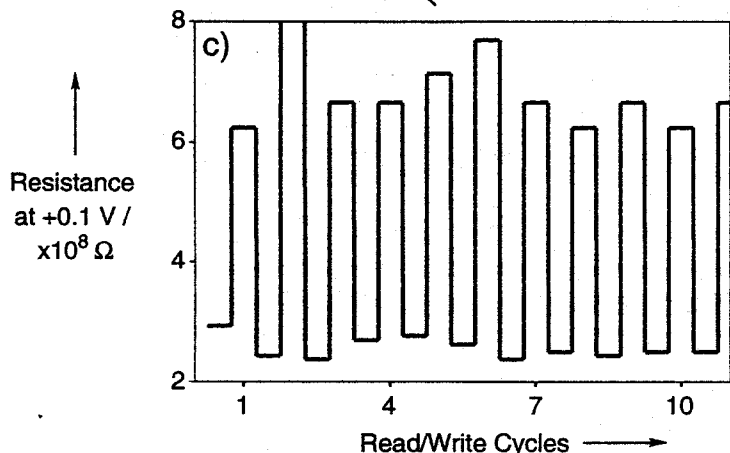
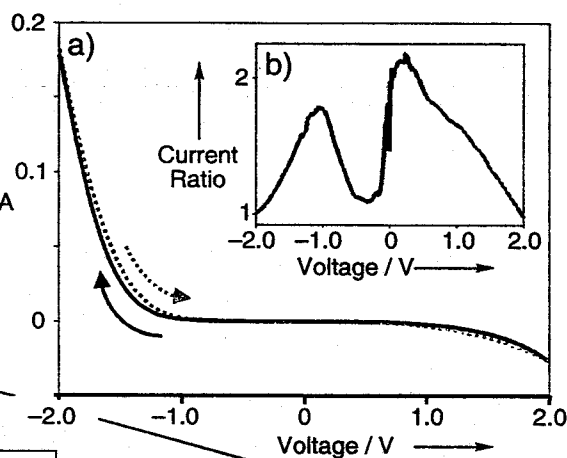
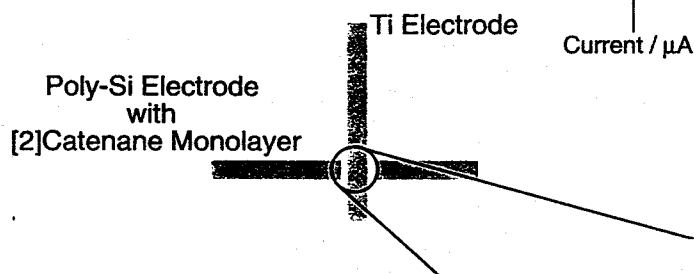


Experimental Conditions:

- STM Tip fixed in center of image
- V Ramped between +0.8 and -0.8 V 64 times over a total period of 280 μ s.
- Current recorded and displayed as a function of Voltage

The difference between the flat trace for the tetracationic species and the linear symmetric $I-V$ behavior of the hexacationic species is attributed to the change in the packing style of the monolayers. The tetracationic [2]catenane is located in a forest of DMPA counterions, whereas the hexacationic [2]catenane is much closer to the gold surface, and is surrounded by its counterions.

Current-Voltage Trace and Reproducibility Demonstration for the [2]Catenane Device



Proposed Mechanism for the Operation of the Device

- $[A^0]$ Ground state / Switch open

READ JUNCTION RESISTANCE AT +0.1 V

- +2 V Bias across junction creates $[A^+]$ which undergoes circumrotation to give $[B^+]$

- Reduction of $[B^+]$ generates $[B^0]$
- $[B^0]$ is the closed state of the device

READ JUNCTION RESISTANCE AT +0.1 V

- Partial reduction (at -2 V) is necessary to regenerate $[A^0]$ by an activated process.

— **THUS** —

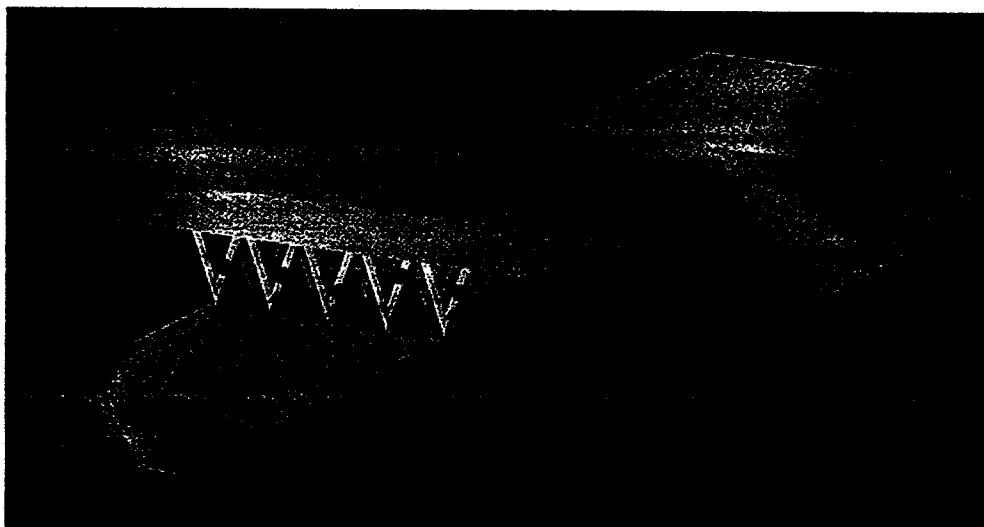
While the $[A^+]$ to $[B^+]$ circumrotational process is **voltage activated**, the regeneration of $[A^0]$ from $[B^0]$ is **thermally and voltage activated**.

Molecular-Based Memory Devices

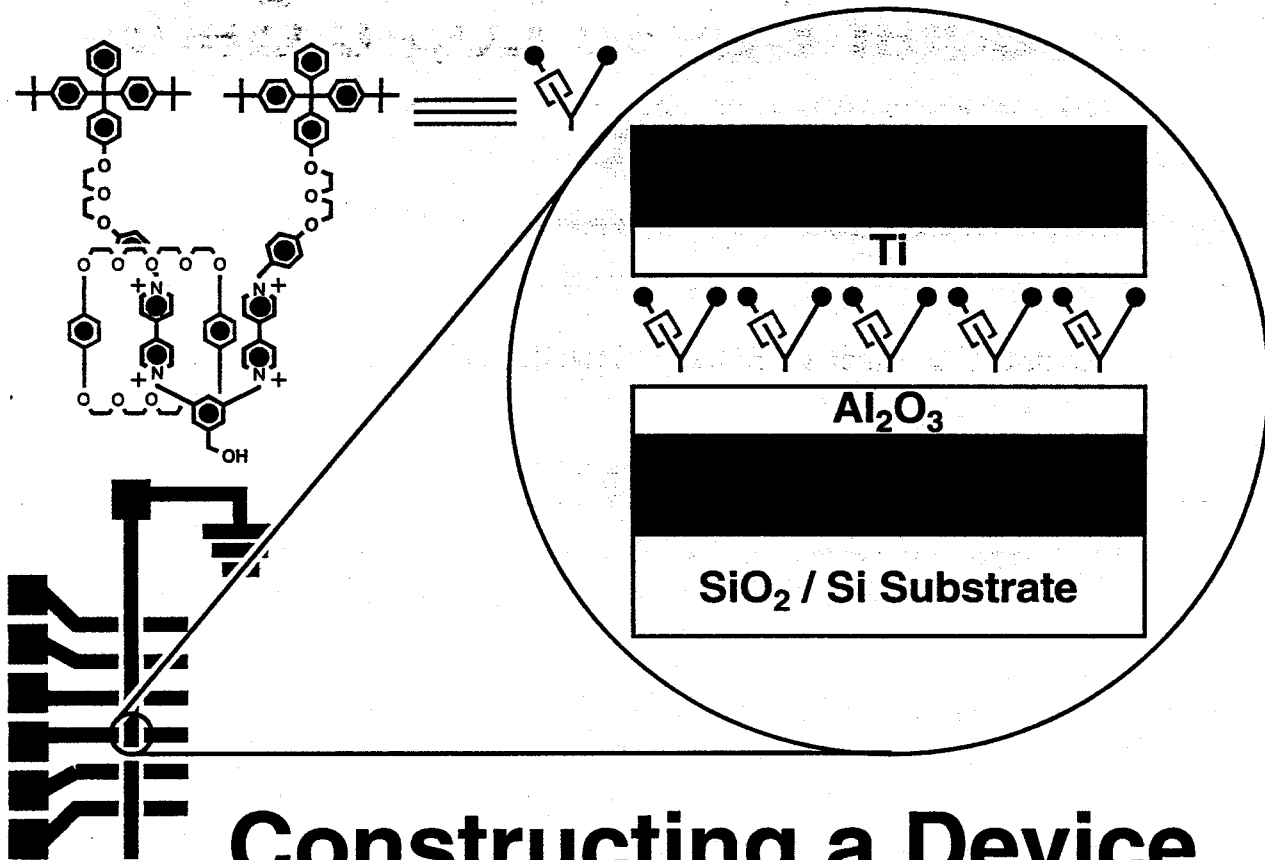
- An electronically addressable, reconfigurable, molecular-based, solid-state switching device capable of ambient operation has been fabricated.
- The device utilizes a single monolayer of redox-controllable [2]catenane molecules anchored with phospholipid counterions and sandwiched between two electrodes.
- The device exhibited robust operation under ambient conditions and could be cycled many times.
- The change in the junction resistance between the closed and open states of the device is approximately a factor of 2 —

IMPLYING THAT THEY MAY BE USEFUL AS MEMORY DEVICES

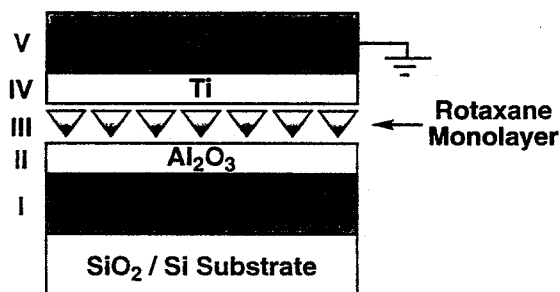
Electronically-Configurable Molecular-Based Logic Gates



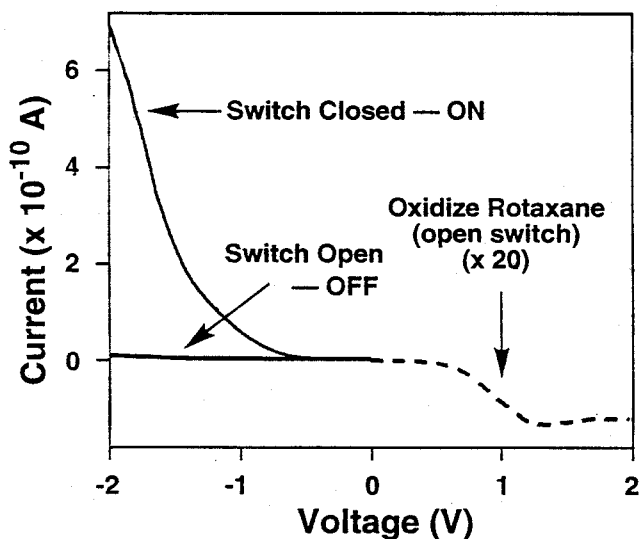
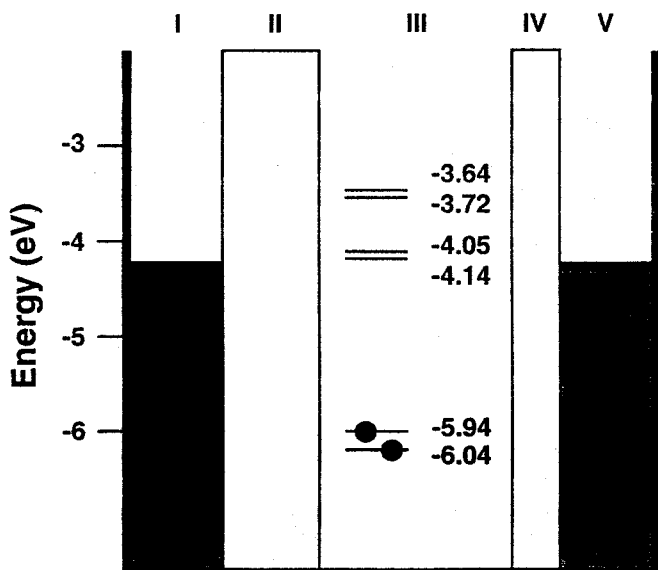
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Constructing a Device



Turning Off Any Given Switch is Irreversible



Molecular Based Logic Gates

- Logic gates have been fabricated from an array of configurable switches — each consisting of a monolayer of redox-active molecules sandwiched between metal electrodes.
- The switches can be read by monitoring current flow at reducing voltages.
- In the closed state, current flow is dominated by resonant tunneling through the electronic states of the molecules.
- The switches are irreversibly opened by applying an oxidizing voltage across the device.
- Several devices have been configured together to produce AND and OR logic gates.

Take Home Messages

- Synthesis does not begin and end with the making and breaking of covalent bonds.
- Synthetic supramolecular chemistry is in its infancy.
- Dynamic covalent chemistry provides a thermodynamic means of making interlocked molecules.
- Interlocked molecules beyond catenanes and rotaxanes are on the horizon.
- Slippage is an appealing way of assembling rotaxanes.
- Reactions done under kinetic control can be used to interconvert interlocked molecules and incorporate them into large assemblies.
- Solid-state superstructures of complex systems are far from being predictable.
- Supramolecular polymers that incorporate intertwining as well as noncovalent bonding are not far off.

- Molecular shuttles, switches, and muscles have been demonstrated in solution.
- Catenanes and rotaxanes can be self-organized as monolayers at the air-water interface and transferred onto solid supports.
- A molecule-based solid-state electronically-reconfigurable switch has been demonstrated.
- Mechanochemical processes observed in solutions of catenanes and rotaxanes are transferrable with modifications into device situations.
- Electronically-configurable molecular-based logic gates have been fabricated into a device.
- Chemistry provides the means to transfer concepts between the life sciences and materials science.

Artificial Molecular Machines

"Just as dyes came to the fore and brightened up our lives in the 19th century and drugs came onto the scene and made our lives more bearable in the 20th century, so the 21st century will be dominated by devices that will transform our lives beyond our wildest dreams."

Balzani — Credi — Raymo — Stoddart
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