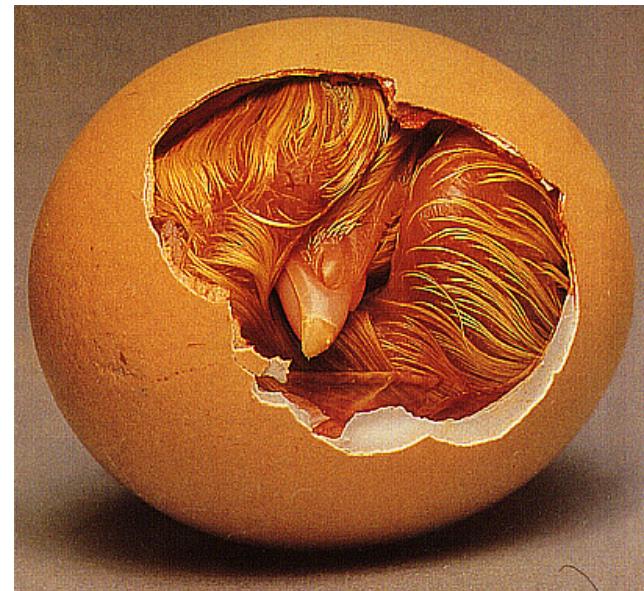
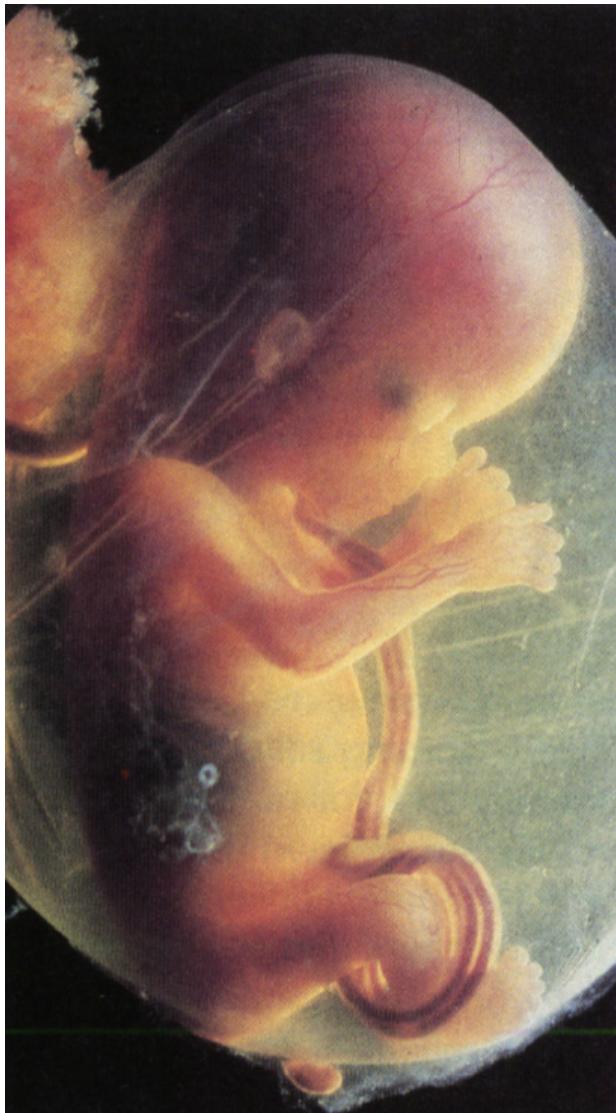
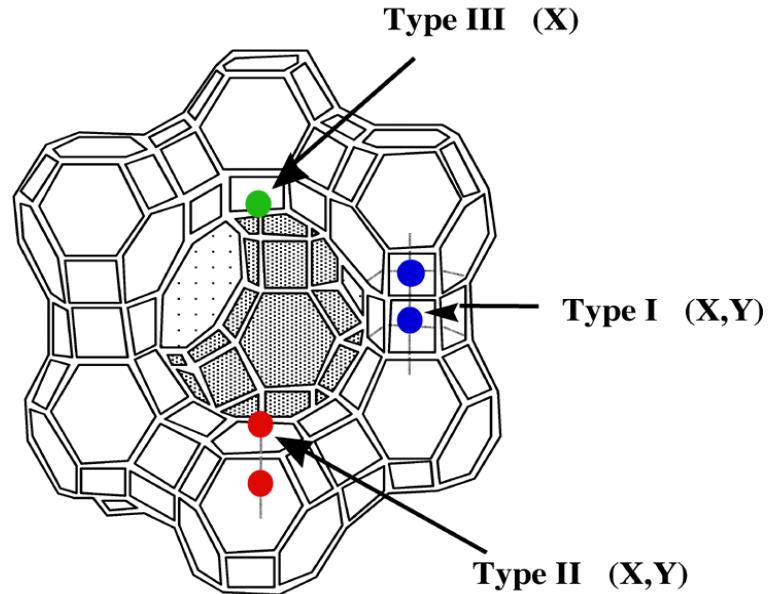
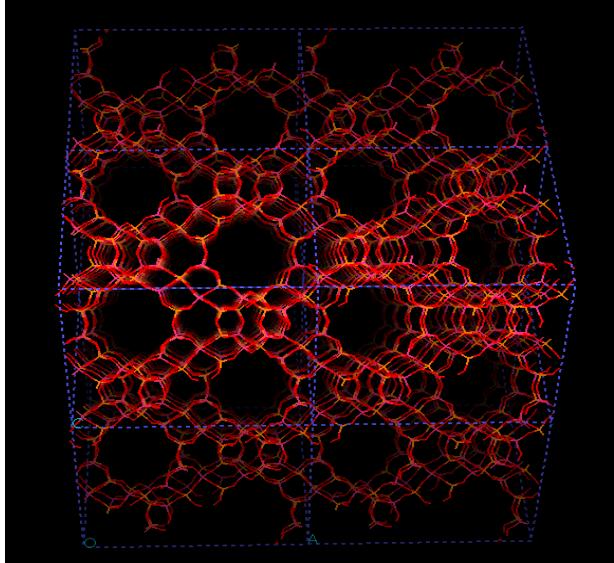


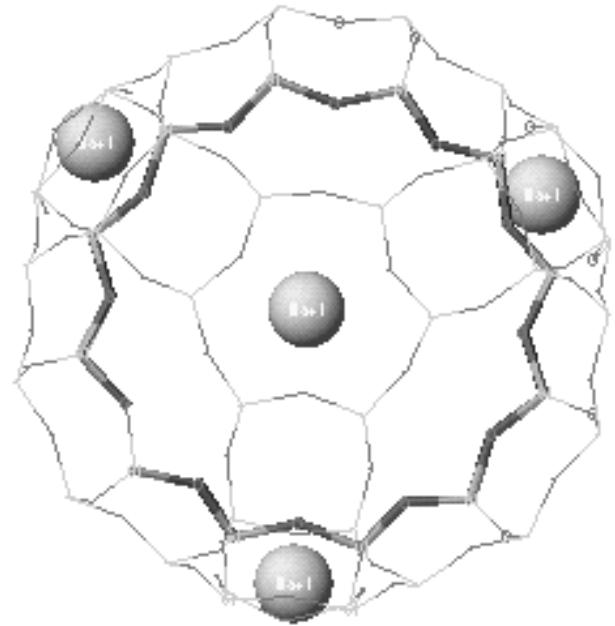
# Chemistry in Confined Spaces



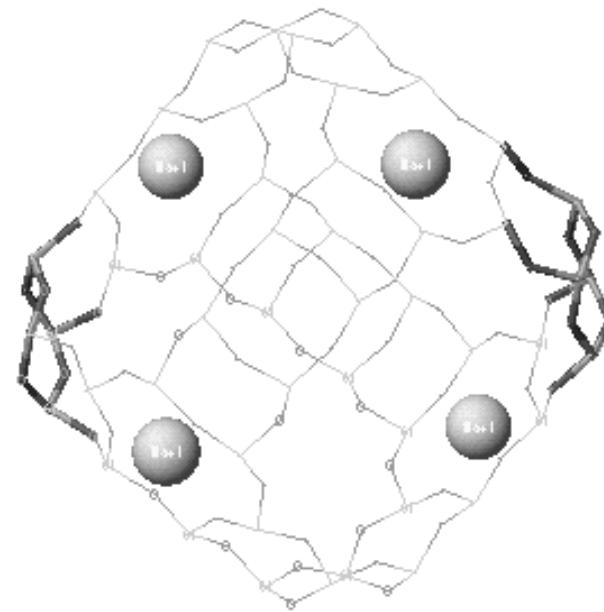
# Characteristics of Faujasite Y Zeolite



- **Microporous solid**
- **Large surface area**
- **Well defined channels/cages**
- **Si/Al ratio = 2.4**
- **Type I - 4 cations /supercage**
- **Type II- 4 cations /supercage**



7.4 Å° Window



13.4 Å° Supercage diameter

**Zeolite X:**  $M_{86}[(AlO_2)_{86}(SiO_2)_{106}] \cdot 264H_2O$

**Zeolite Y:**  $M_{56}[(AlO_2)_{56}(SiO_2)_{136}] \cdot 250H_2O$

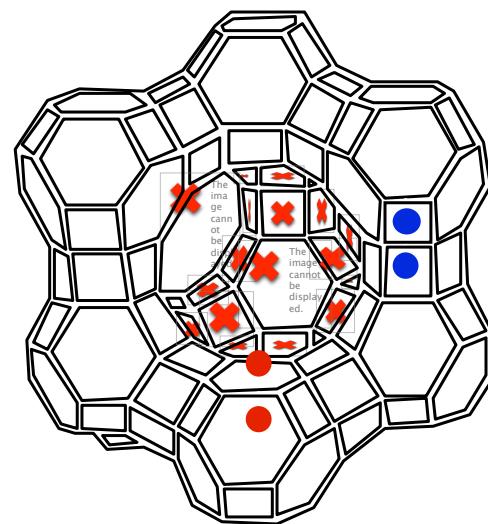
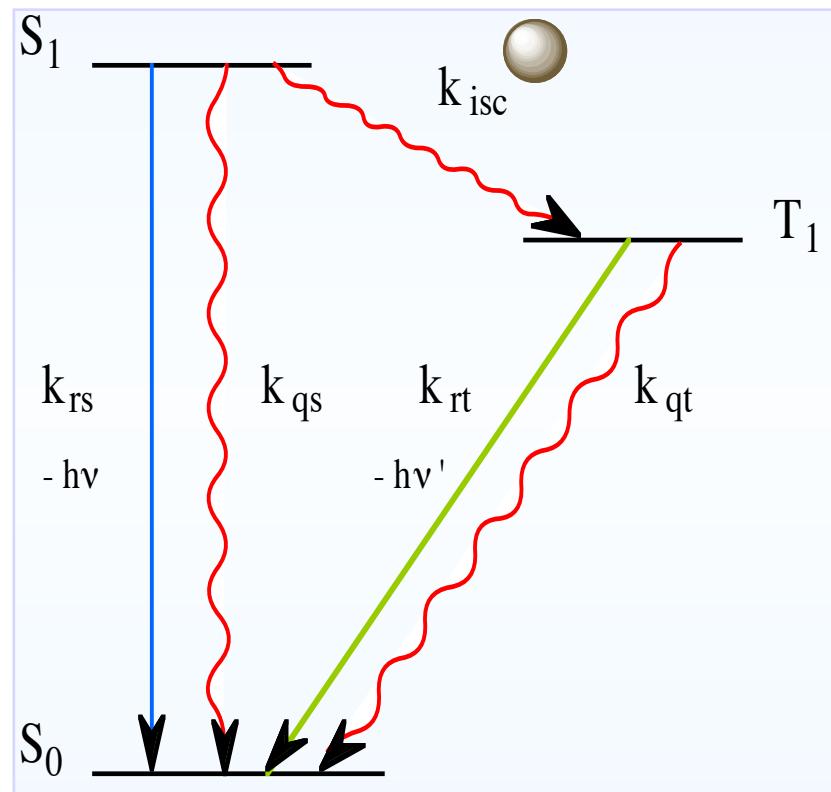
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# Alkali Ion Effect: Electron Spin Inversion

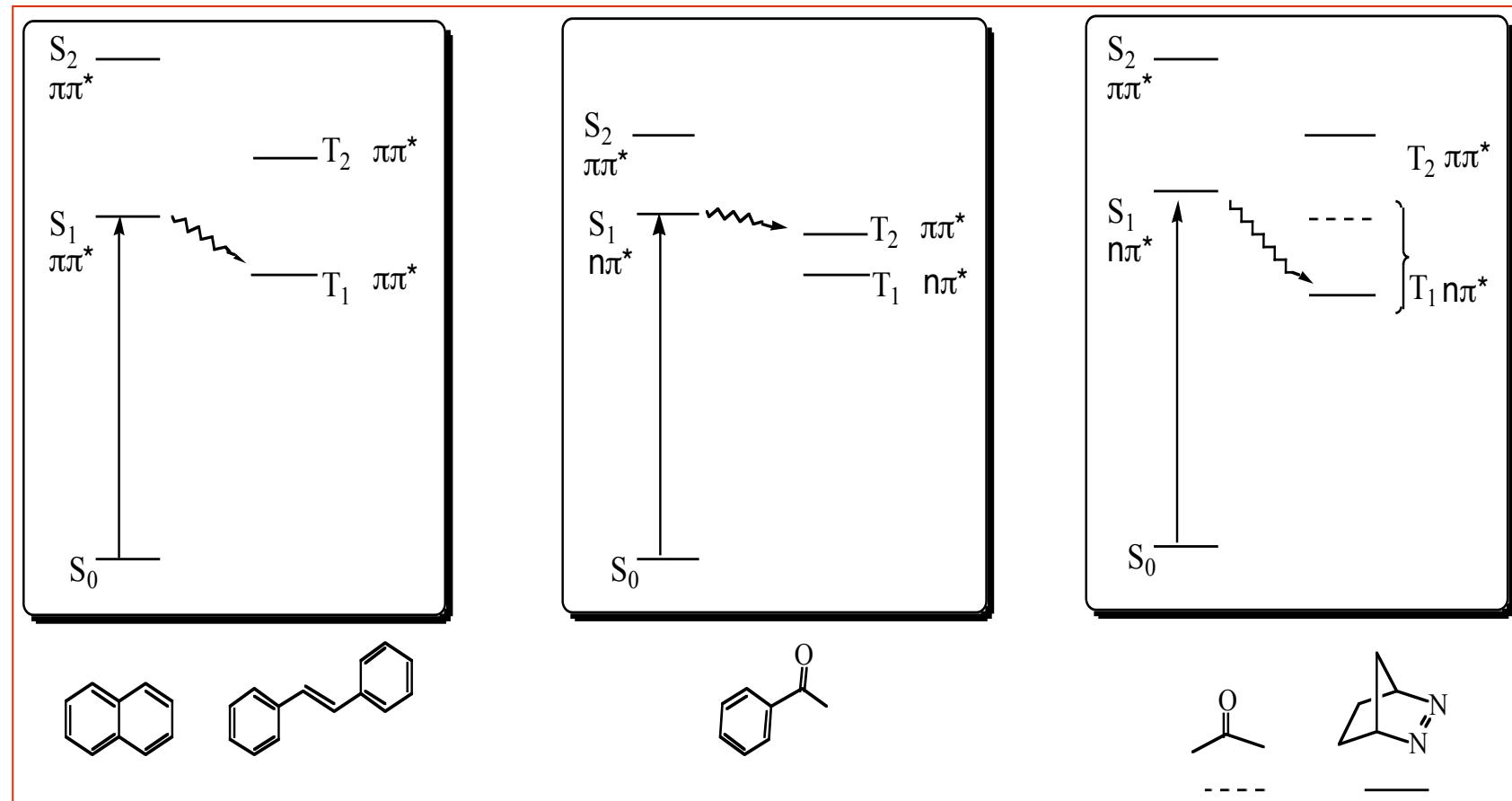
## Heavy Cations Enhance $S_1$ to $T_1$ Crossing



# Ability of zeolite supercage to induce spin-orbit coupling depends on the SOC of the alkali ion

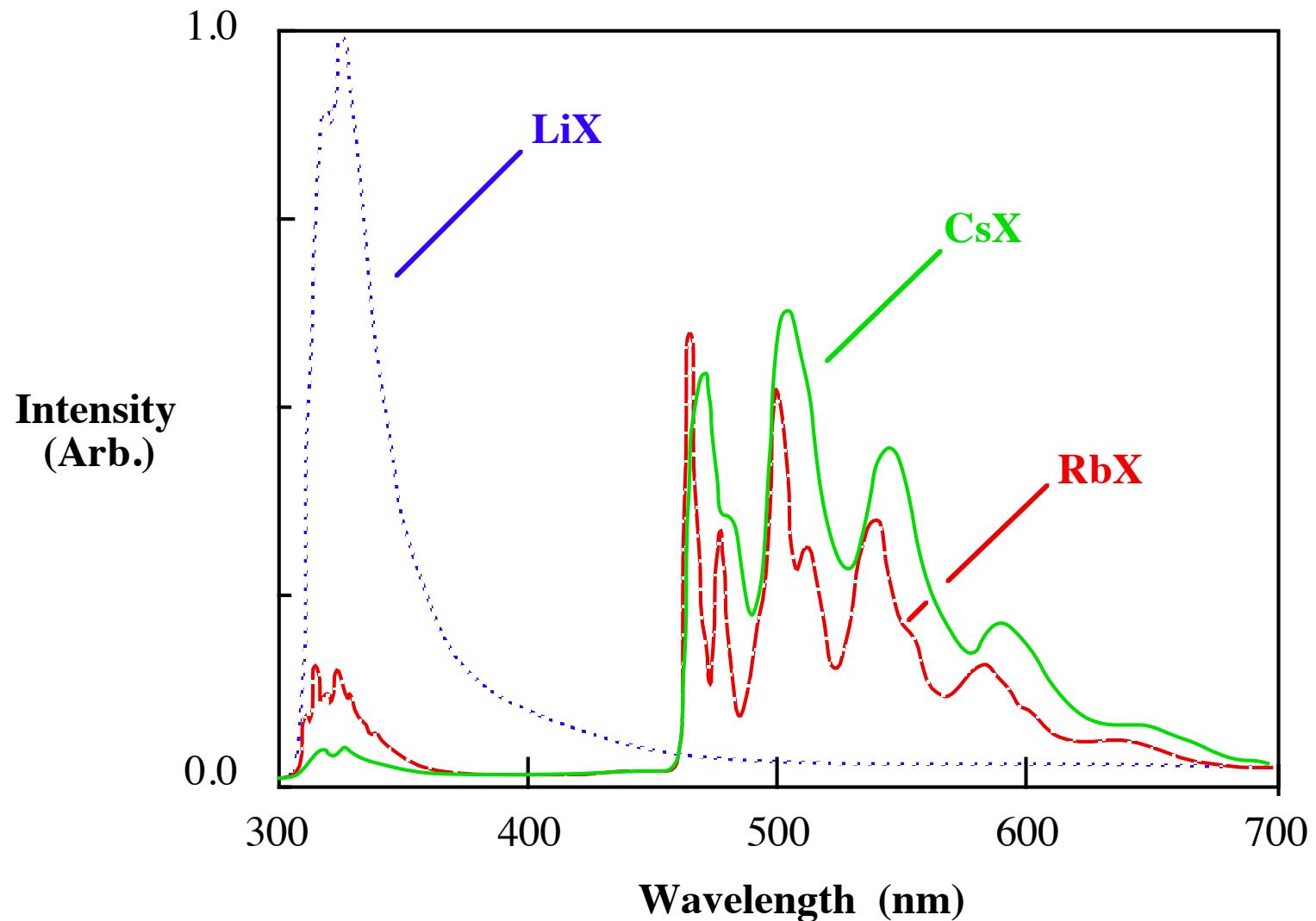
Atom	Ionic Radius of the Cation (Å)	Spin-Orbit Coupling $\xi$ cm <sup>-1</sup>
Li	0.86 (+)	0.23
Na	1.12	11.5
K	1.44	38
Rb	1.58	160
Cs	1.84	370
Tl	1.40	3410
Pb	1.33 (2+)	5089

# Whether the Heavy Alkali Ion Could Influence the Intersystem Crossing Depends on the Electronic Configurations of the States Involved (El Sayed's Rule)

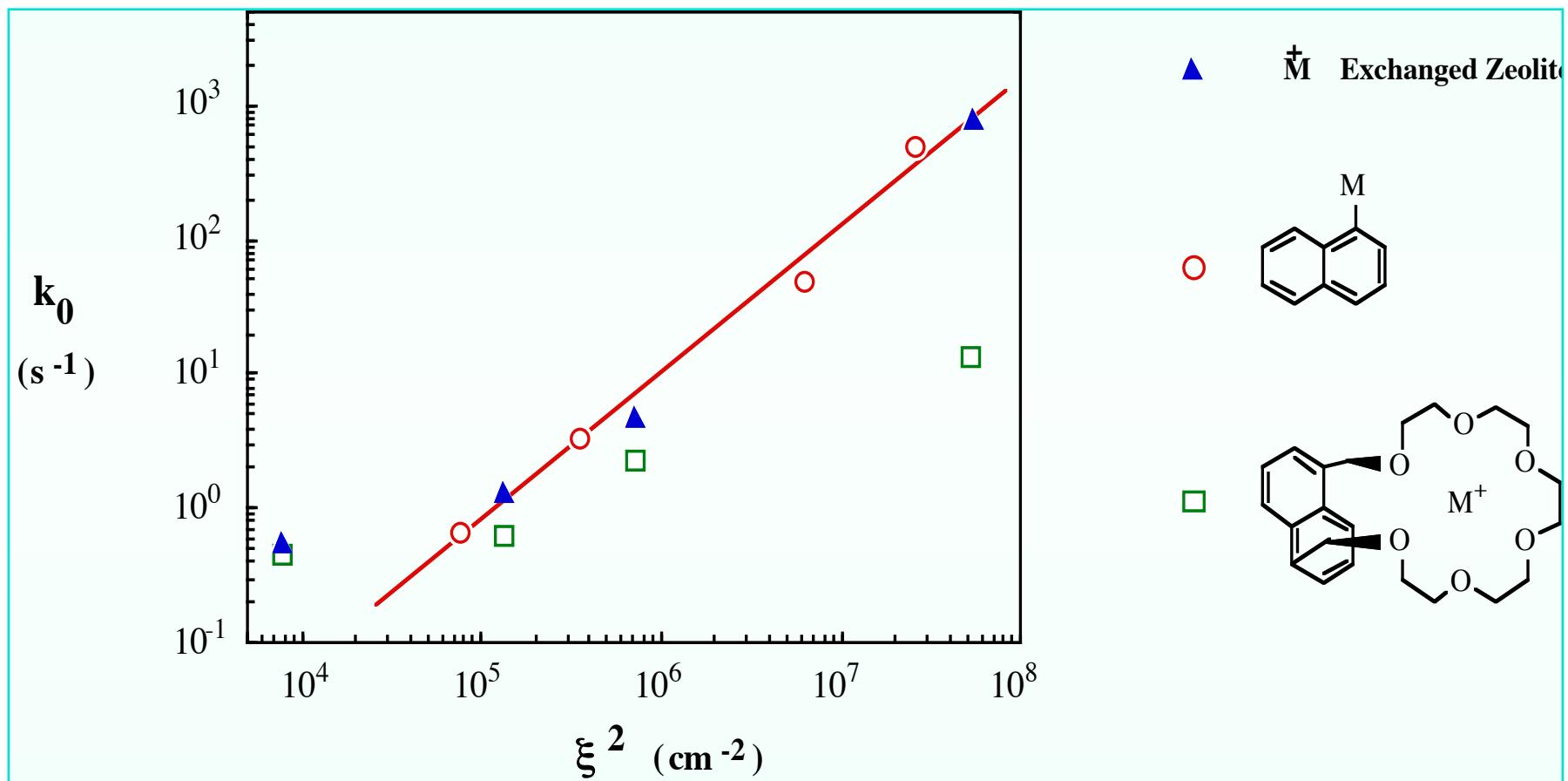


# Emission Spectra of Naphthalene Included in MY Zeolites

## Dependence on the Alkali Ion: $\pi\pi^*$ – $\pi\pi^*$ Crossing



# External Heavy Atom Effect on Triplet Decay Rates of Naphthalene

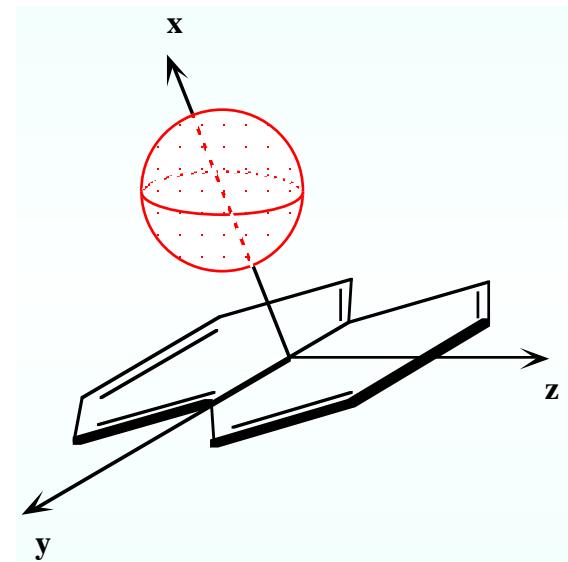
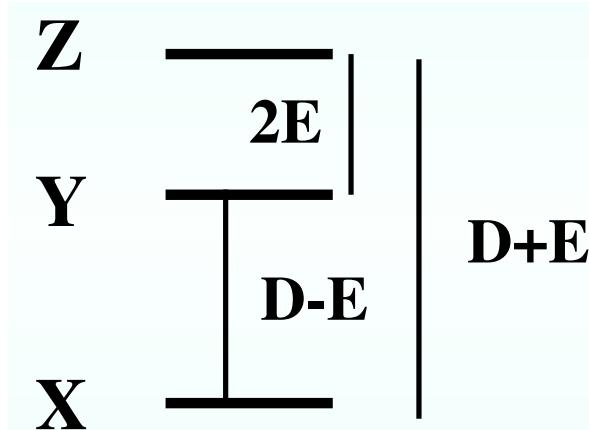


# Heavy Atom Effect is Specific: ODMR Studies

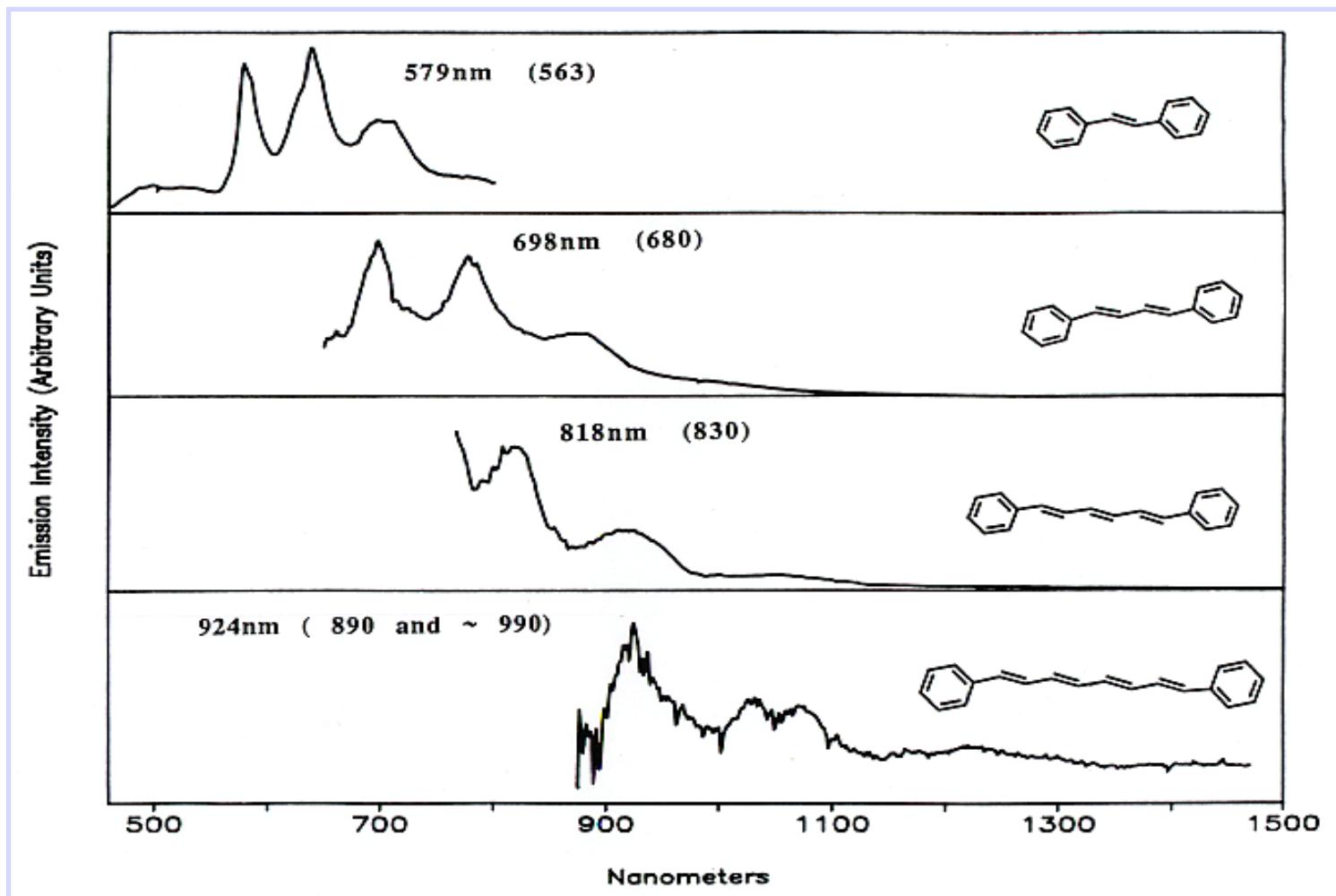
Optical Detection of Magnetic Resonance (ODMR) -

Triplet Sub-Level Specific Kinetics at 1.2 °K

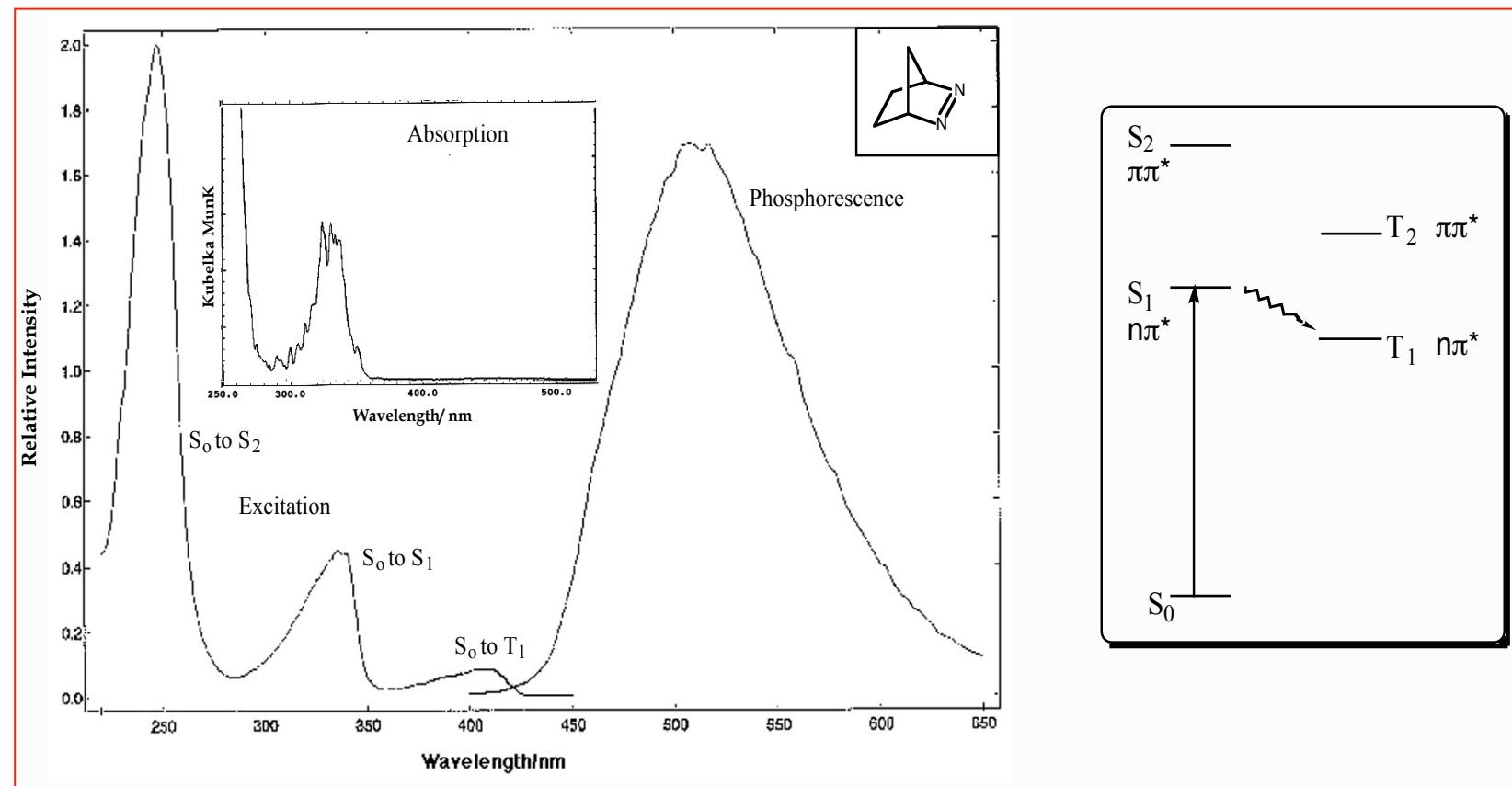
- Total decay constants from each sub-level
- Relative radiative rates from each sub-level
- Relative intersystem crossing rates to each sub-level
- Slow Passage ODMR Transitions



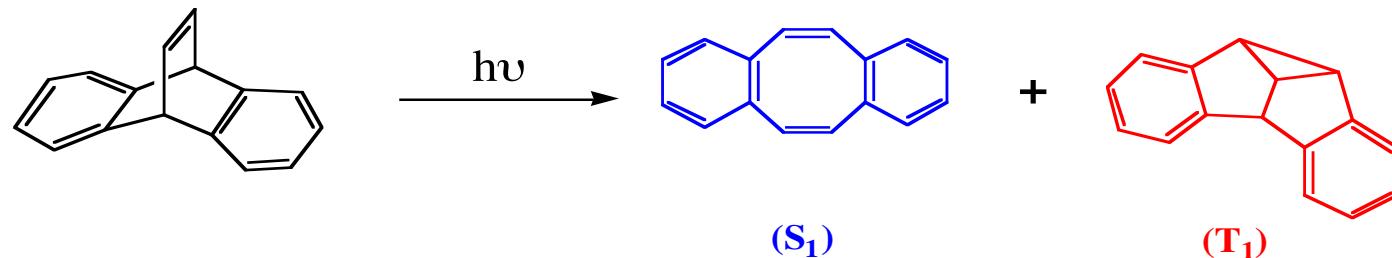
# Phosphorescence From Diphenyl Polyenes: Unique to Zeolites



# Phosphorescence from Azo Compounds in TIY at 77 K $n\pi^*$ – $n\pi^*$ crossing



# Photoproduct Distribution Influenced by Alkali Ions



Acetonitrile

77

23

Acetone

-

100

KY(Hexane slurry)

75

25

RbY

35

65

CsY

28

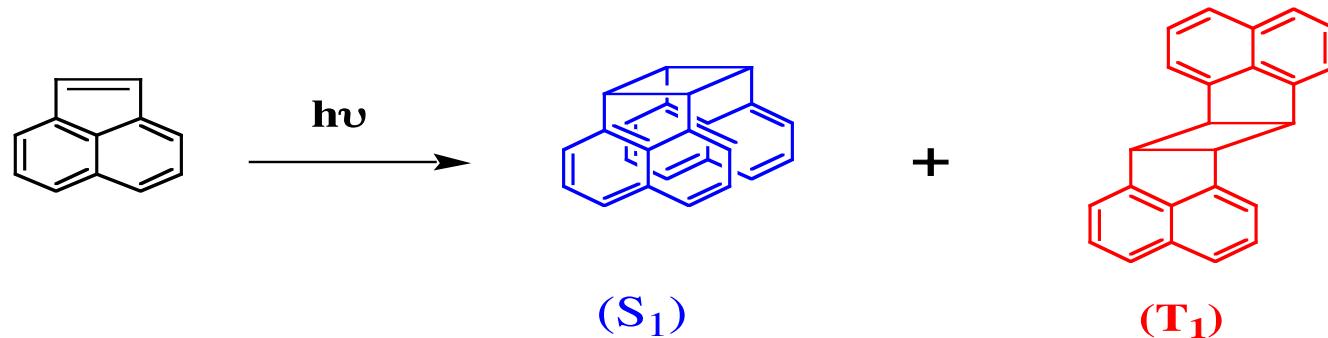
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TlY

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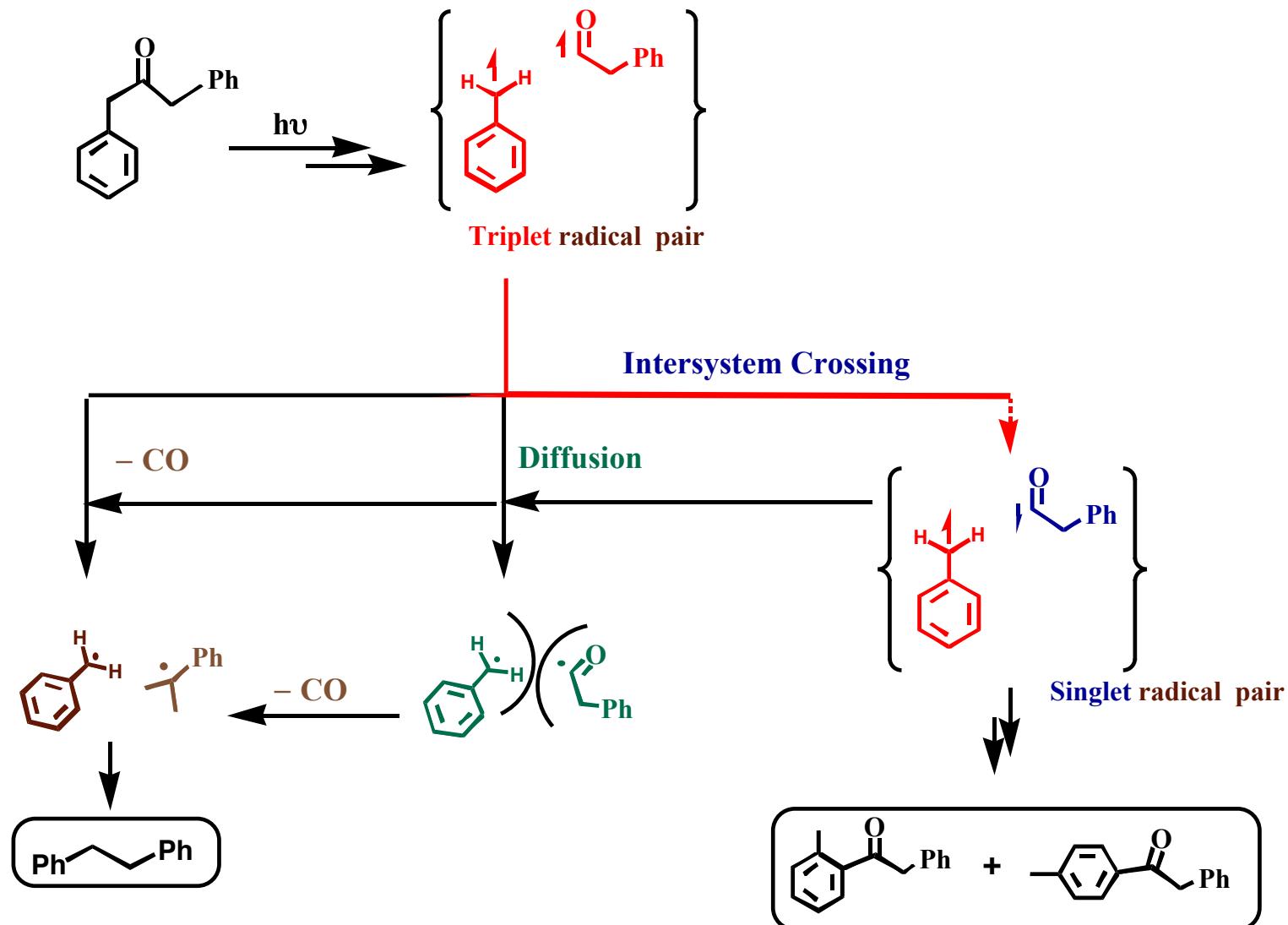
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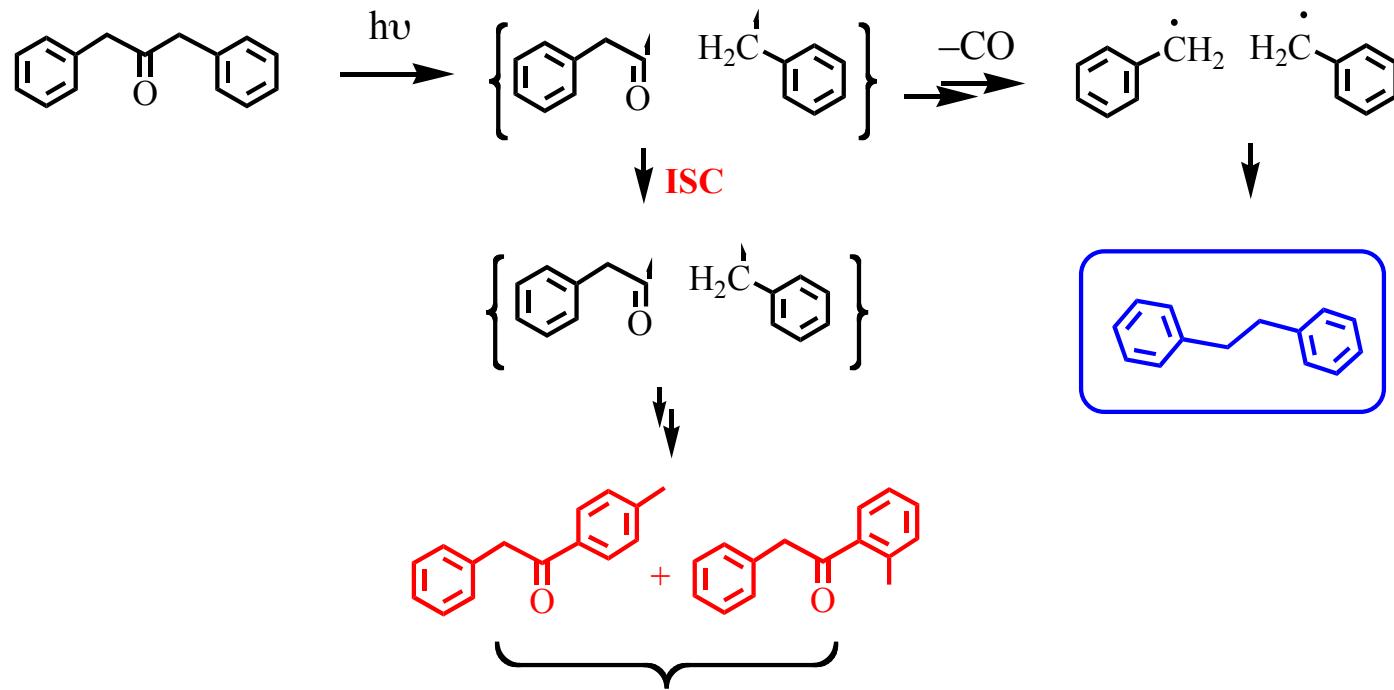


Zeolite	Cis/Trans
LiY	25
NaY	25
KY	2.3
RbY	1.5

# Intersystem Crossing in Diradicals Influenced by Alkali Ions



## Intersystem Crossing in Diradicals is also Influenced by Alkali Ions



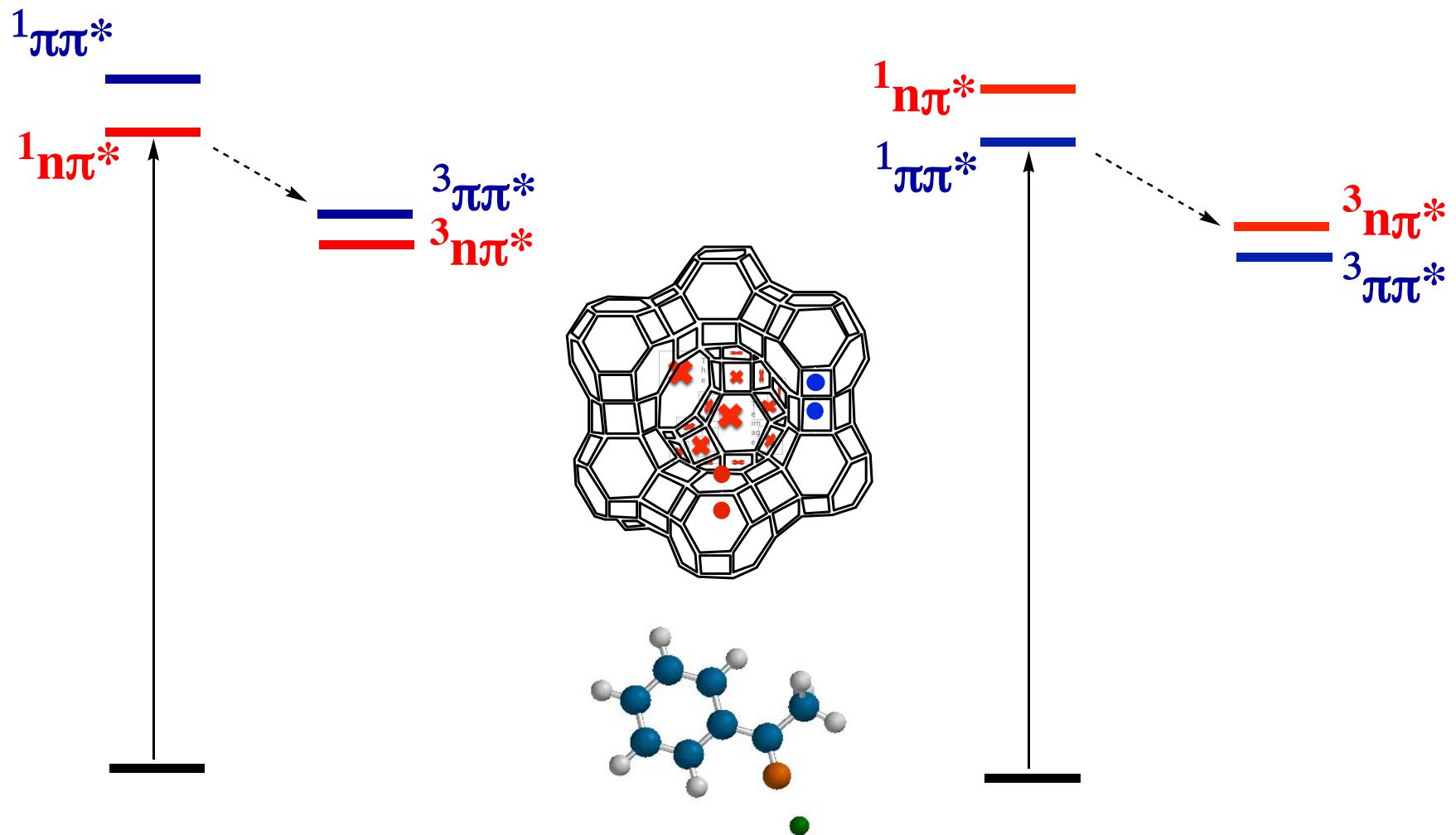
<b>Hexane</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>&gt;99%</b>
<b>KY (1.44Å)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>RbY (1.58Å)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>CsY (1.84Å)</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>TIY (1.40Å)</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>23</b>

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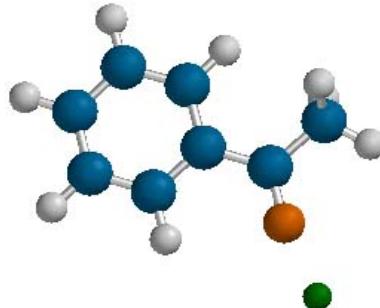
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# Alkali Ion Effect Induced State Switching

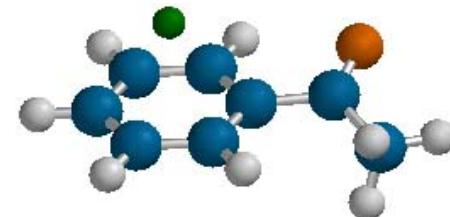


# Binding Modes and Binding Affinities of Alkali Ions to Acetophenones



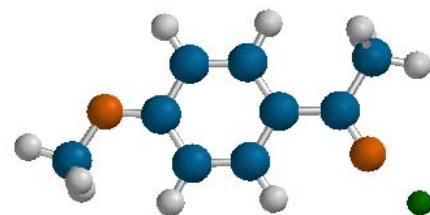
Acetophenone  
 $\text{Li}^+$  bound to carbonyl

BA: 55.28 kcal/mole



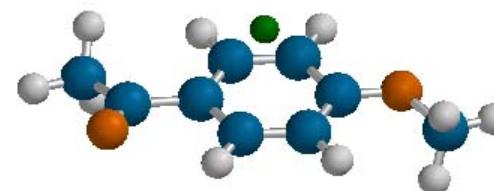
Acetophenone  
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BA: 37.77 kcal/mole



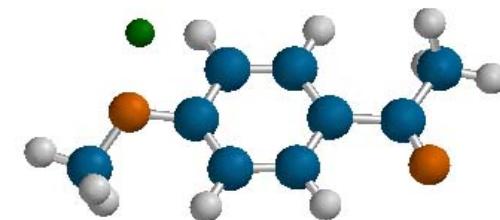
4' -Methoxyacetophenone  
 $\text{Li}^+$  bound to carbonyl

BA: 59.74 kcal/mole



4' -Methoxyacetophenone  
 $\text{Li}^+$  bound to the phenyl ring

BA: 40.35 kcal/mole

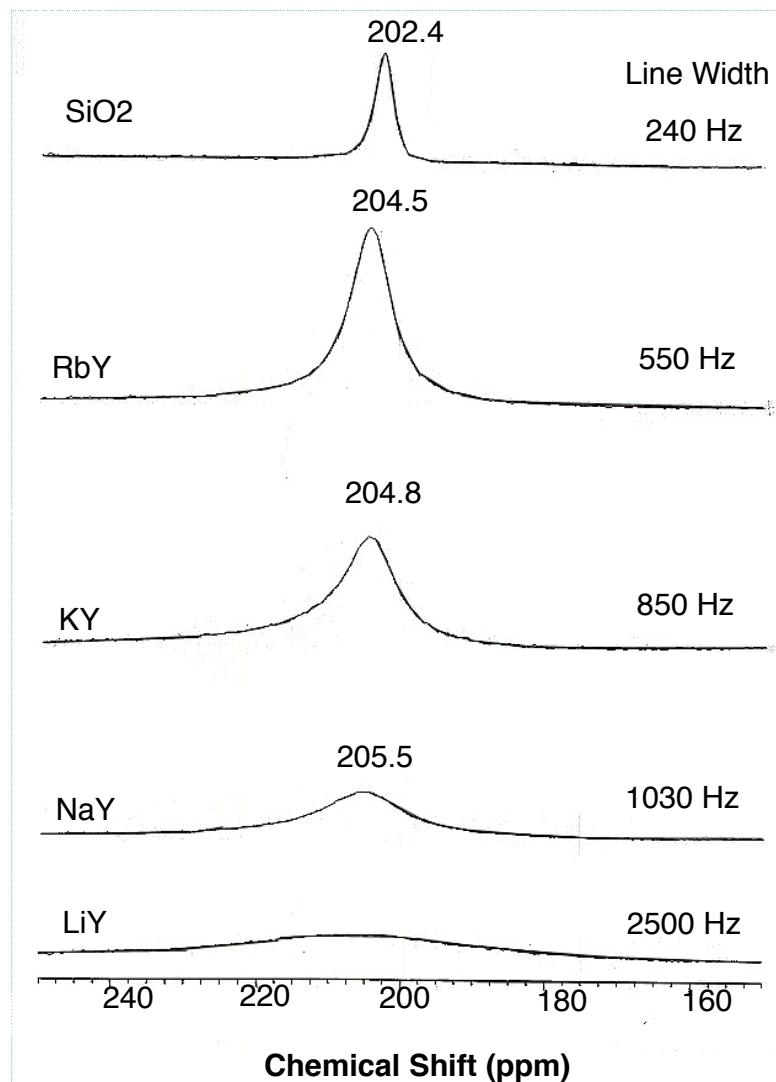


4' -Methoxyacetophenone  
 $\text{Li}^+$  bound to methoxy

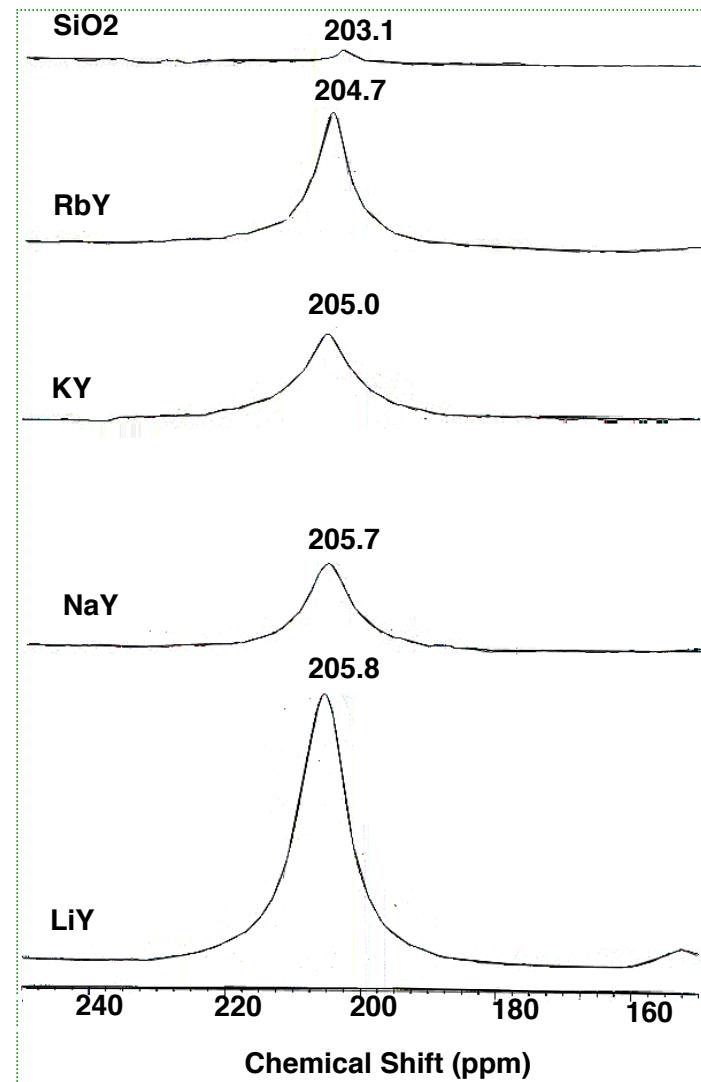
BA: 38.46 kcal/mole

# $^{13}\text{C}$ MAS NMR Studies of Acetophenone ( $^{13}\text{C}=\text{O}$ ) Adsorbed in MY Zeolite

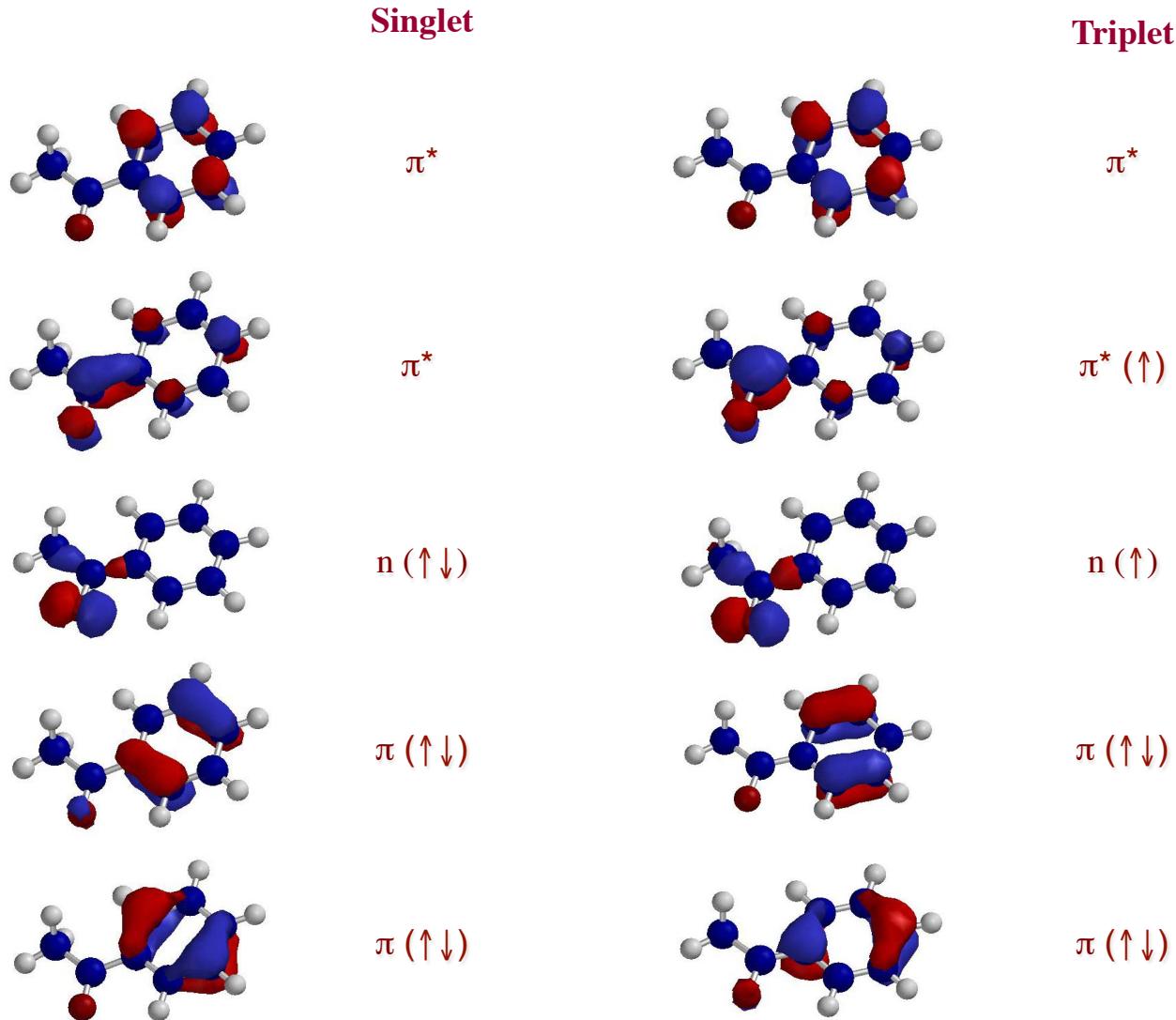
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$^1\text{H}$   $^{13}\text{C}$  CP MAS

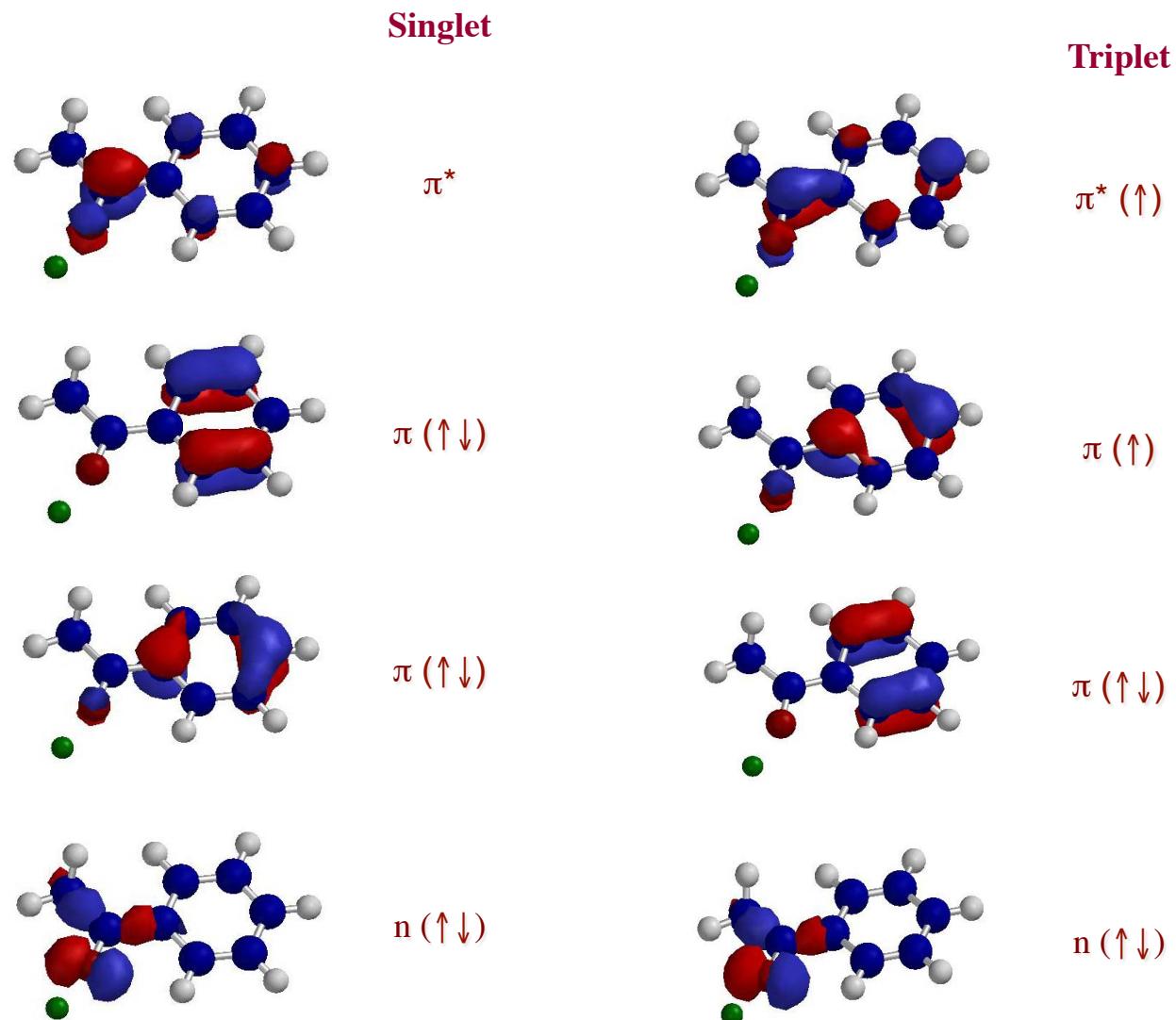


## Orbital diagram - Nature of triplet excited state ( $T_1$ ) - Acetophenone (TITAN – ROB3LYP 6-31G\*)



$E_{S-T} = 71.60 \text{ kcal/mol}$

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Acetophenone –  $\text{Li}^+$  complex ( $\text{C=O}$ ) (TITAN – ROB3LYP 6-31G\*)**



Similar results were obtained with  $\text{Na}^+$

$E_{S-T} = 69.09 \text{ kcal/mol}$

# Acetophenone and Acetophenone-Li<sup>+</sup> Complex

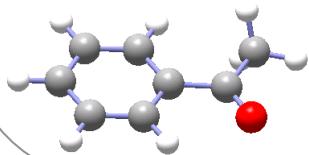
CIS method



$^3n\pi^*$  98.46 kcal/mol

$^3\pi\pi^*$  72.87

$^3\pi\pi^*$  70.79



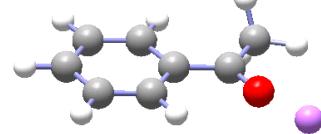
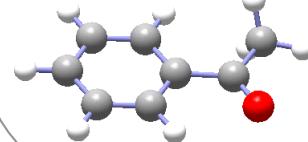
TD-DFT method



$^3\pi\pi^*$  77.25 kcal/mol

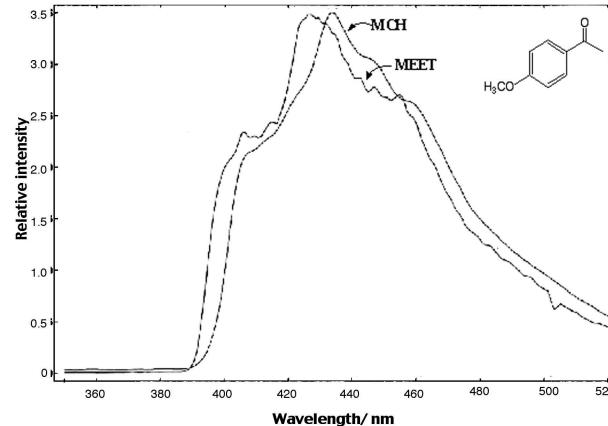
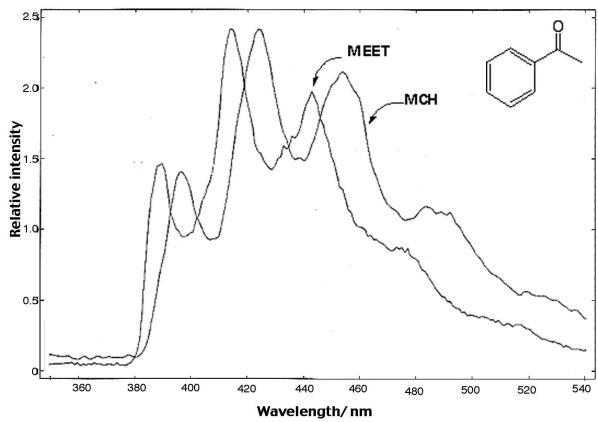
$^3n\pi^*$  74.48

$^3\pi\pi^*$  68.03

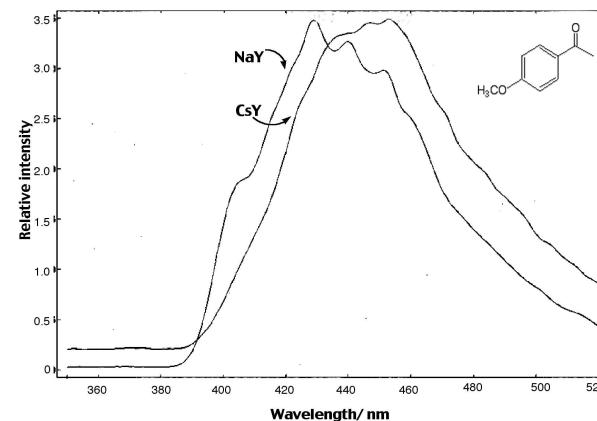
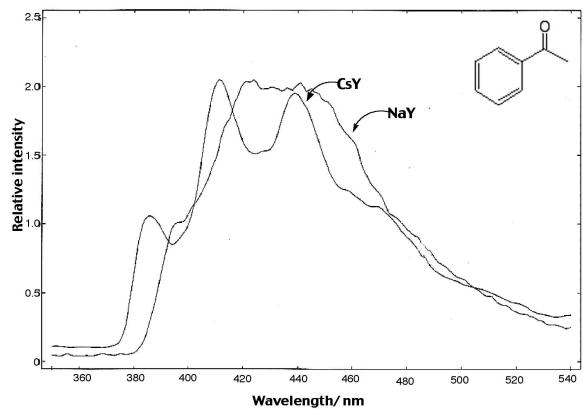


Gaussian - CIS/6-31+G\* level and TD/6-31+G\*

# Steady State Emission

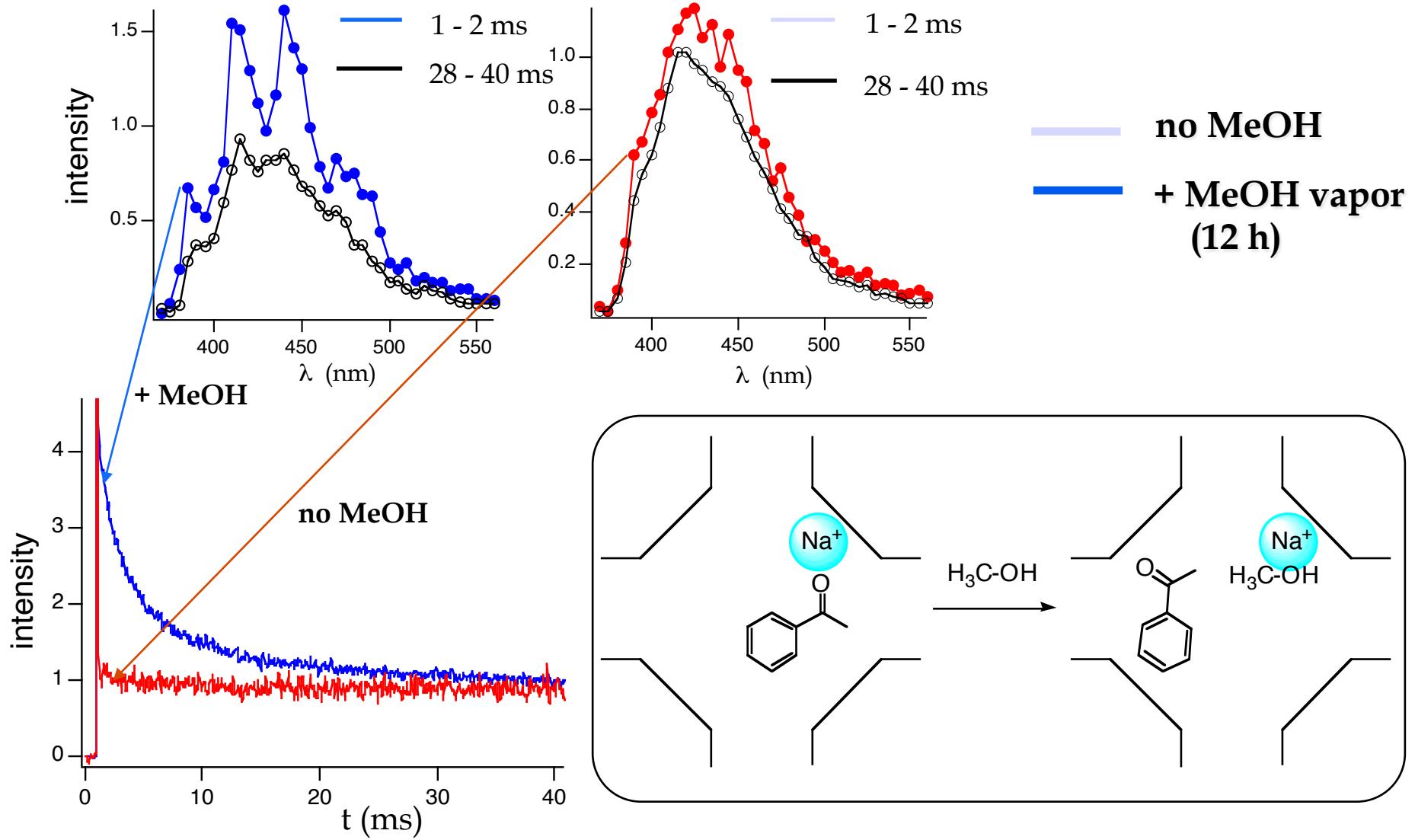


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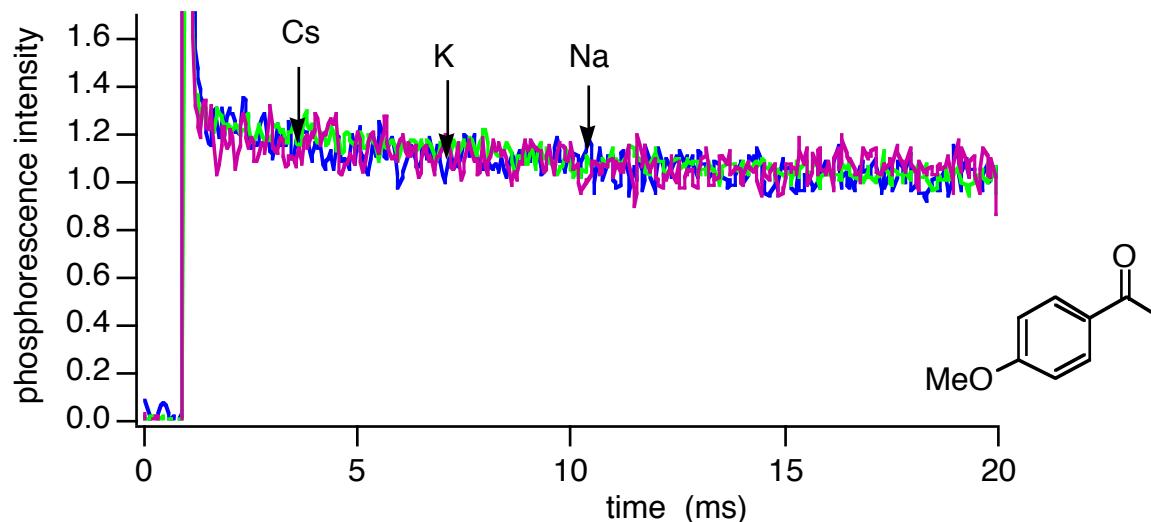
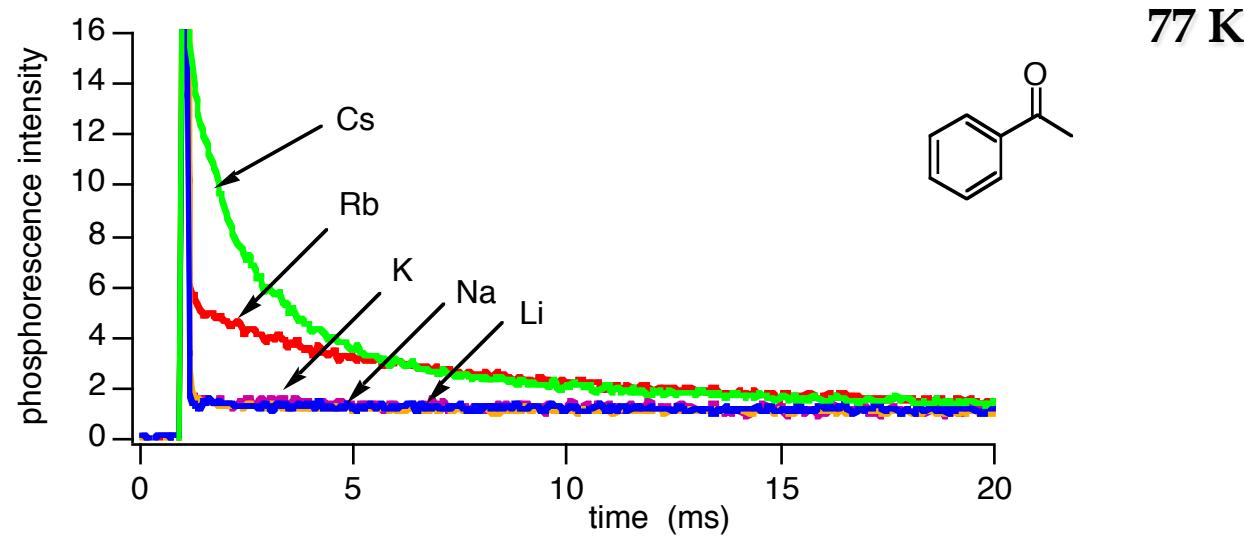


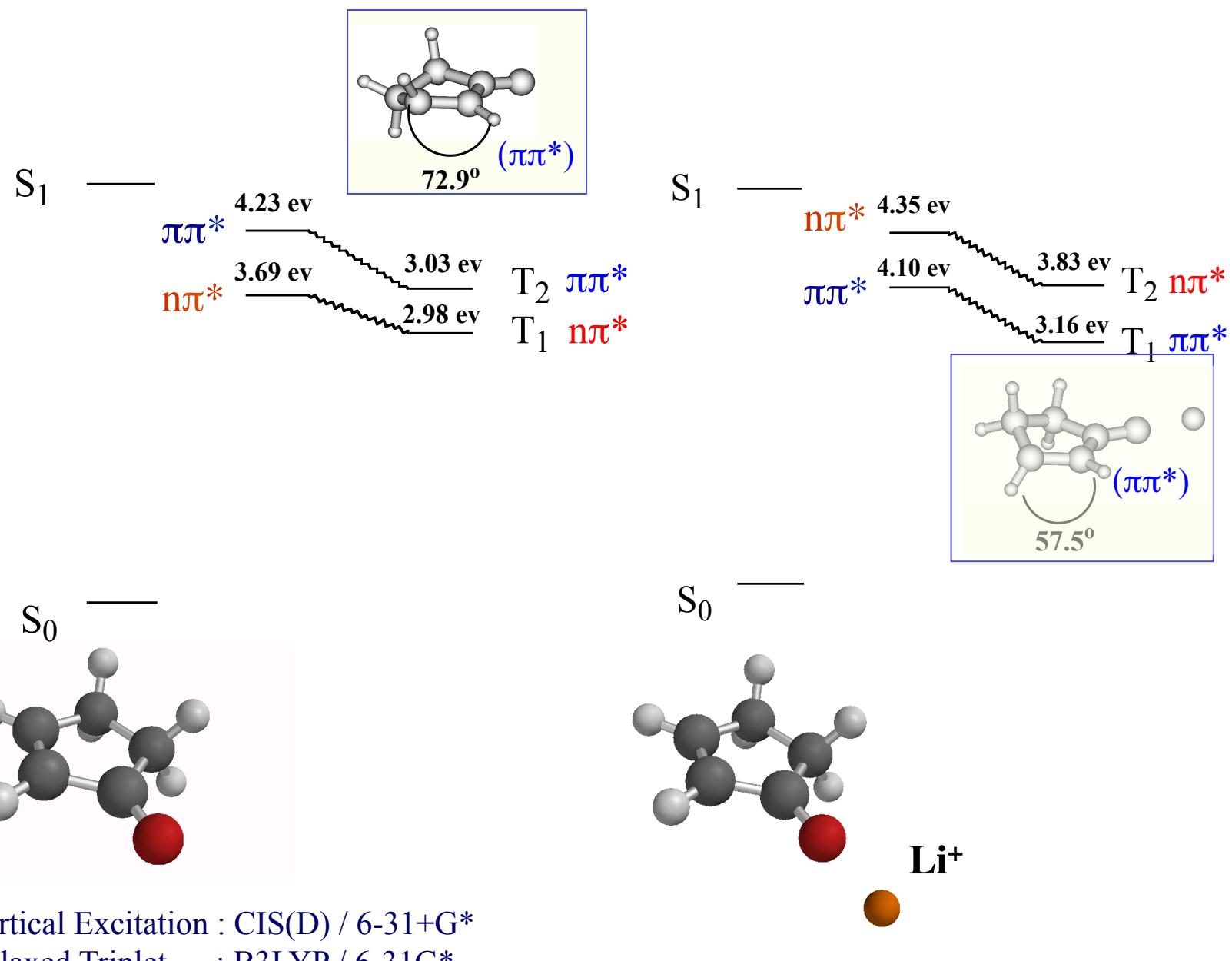
**Phosphorescence emission spectra of acetophenone and 4' -methoxyacetophenone in NaY and CsY at 77°K**

# Acetophenone Emission Influenced by Zeolite Time Resolved Studies



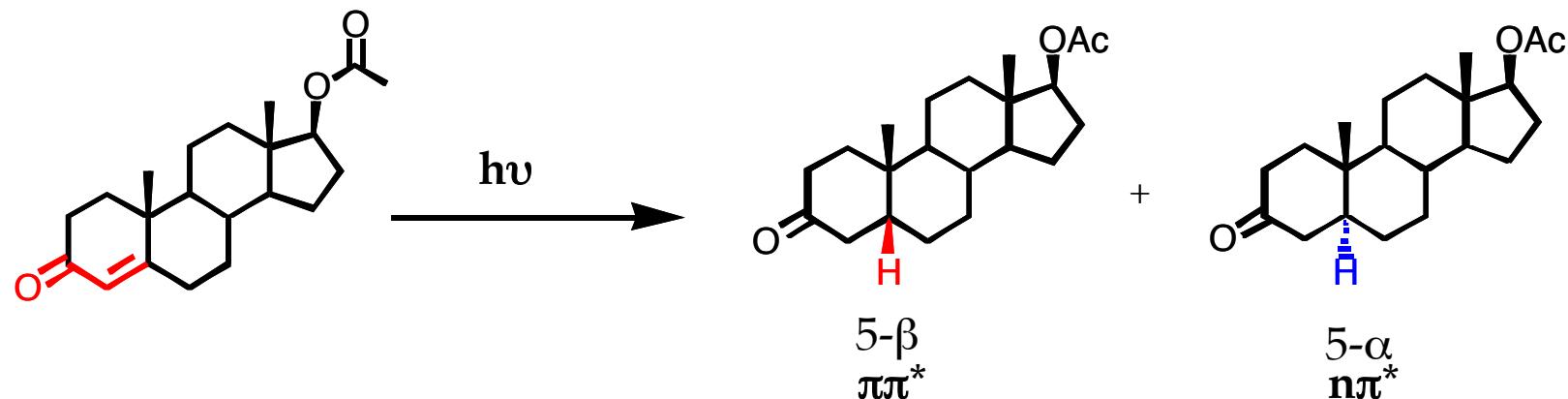
# Triplet Lifetime Dependence on Alkali Ion





Vertical Excitation : CIS(D) / 6-31+G\*  
 Relaxed Triplet : B3LYP / 6-31G\*

# Reactivity Change Due to State Switching within Zeolites



hexane

No reaction

2-propanol

27 %

73 %

NaY (Si/Al: 2.5)

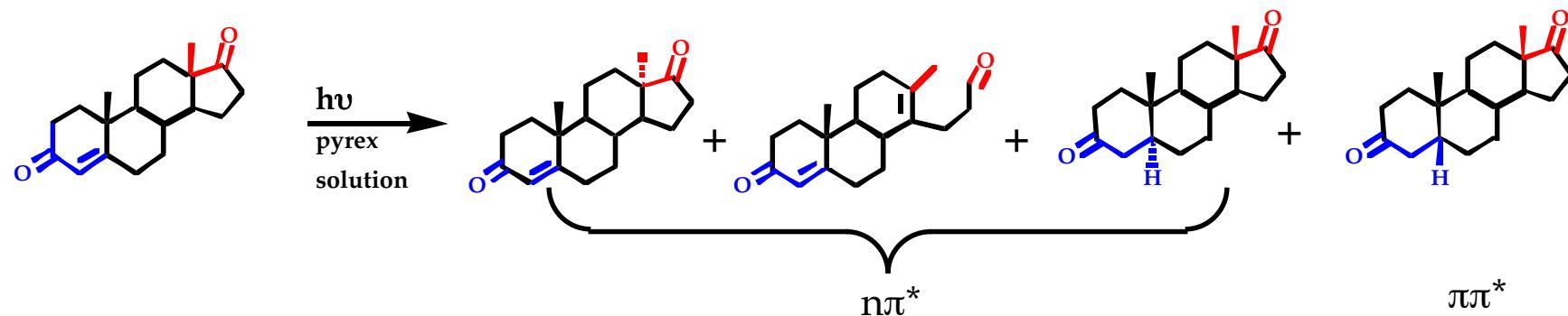
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NaY (Si/Al: 300)

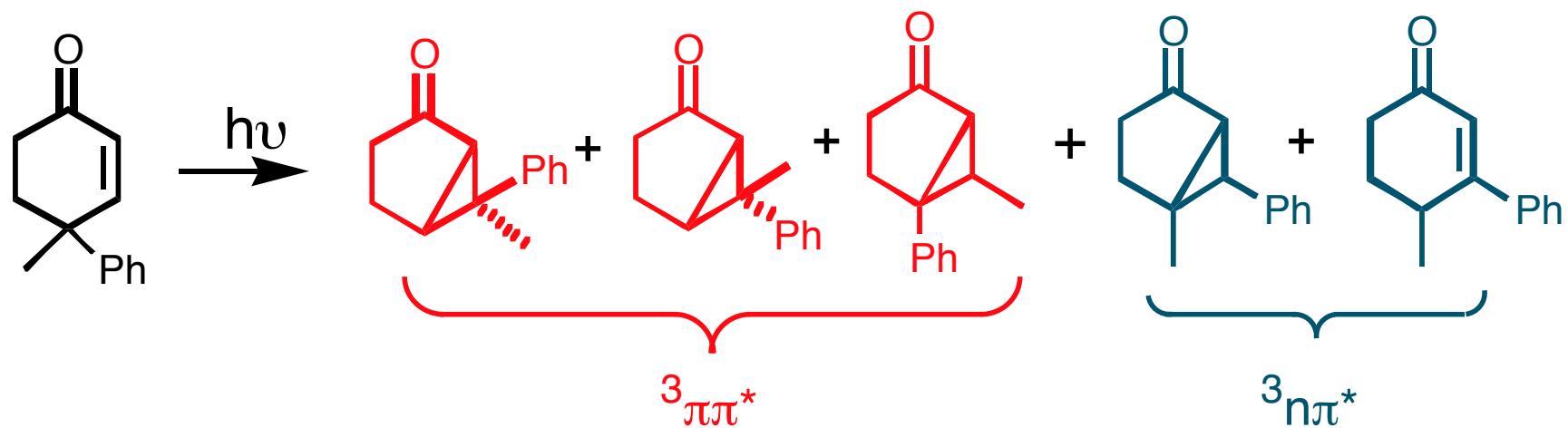
No reaction

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Hexane	40%	4%	—	—
2-Propanol	18	2	14	—
<b>Na Y (Si/Al: 2. 5)</b>	—	—	<b>15</b>	<b>85</b>
High Silica Y (Si/Al: >285)	30 %	—	—	—

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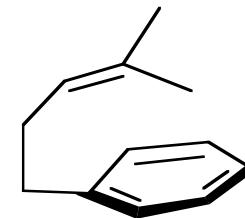
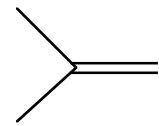
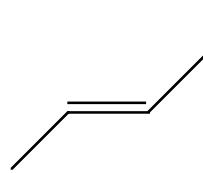
Benzene	0 %	100%
Ethanol	33	67
NaY/hexane	70	30

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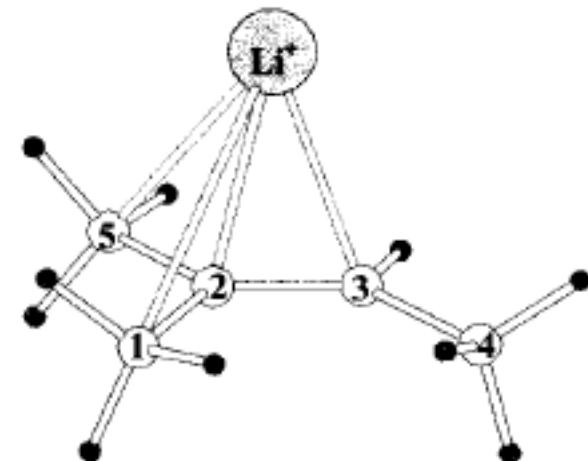
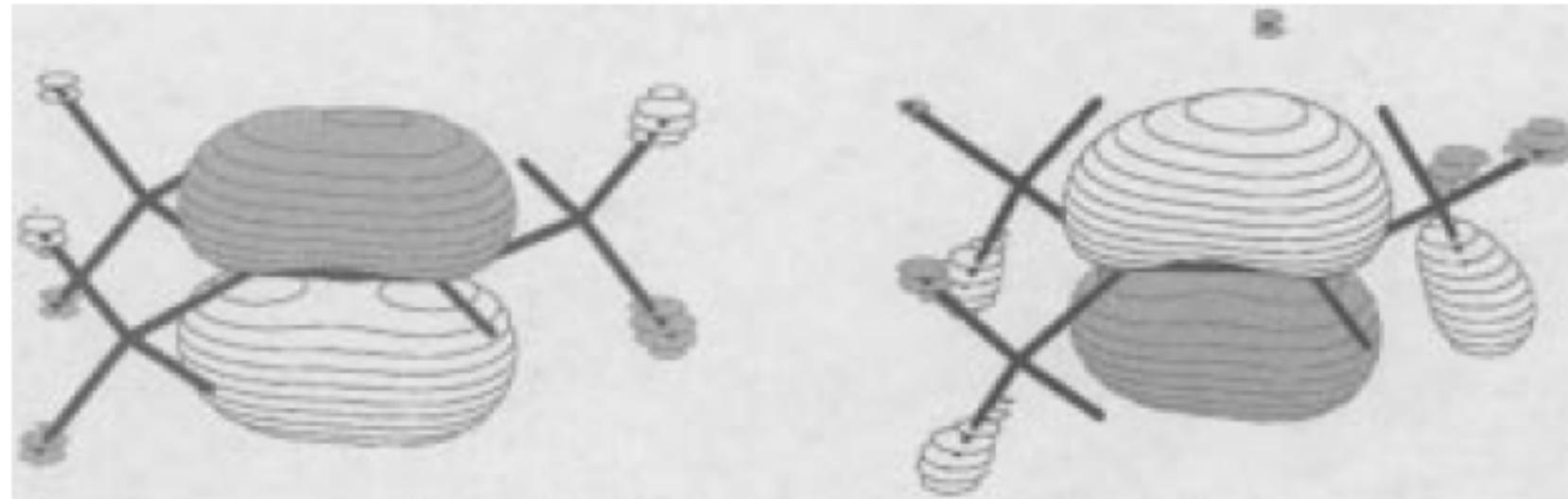
# Theoretical Estimation of Alkali Ion-Olefin Binding Energy



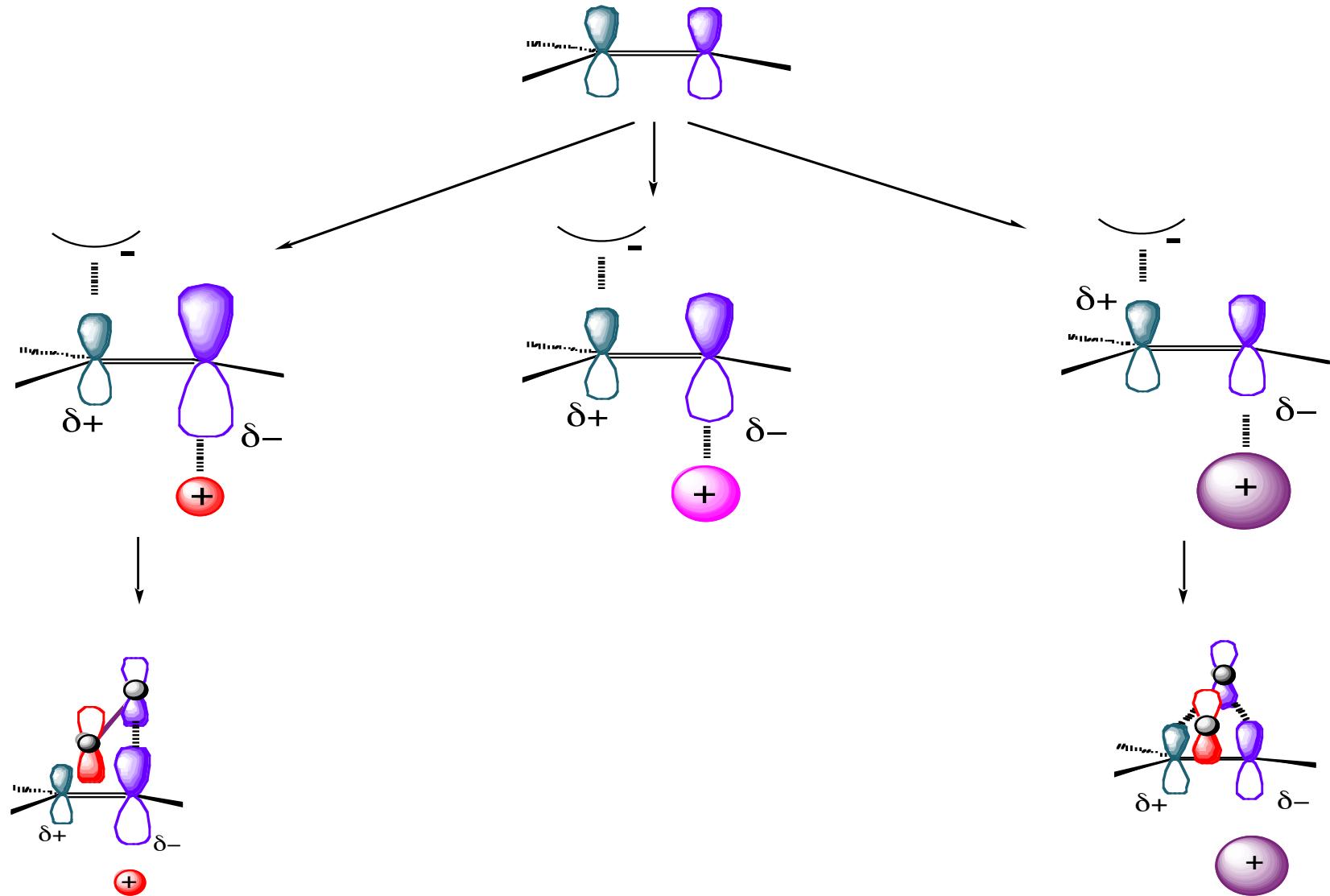
●	$\text{Li}^+$	-26.11 kcal/mol	-26.36 kcal/mol	-51.76 kcal/mol
●	$\text{Na}^+$	-17.43	-17.67	-34.51
●	$\text{K}^+$	-8.91	-9.61	-19.45
●	$\text{Rb}^+$	-7.28	-7.83	-17.57
●	$\text{Cs}^+$	-5.42	-5.84	-10.67

Hartree-Fock method/6-31G\*

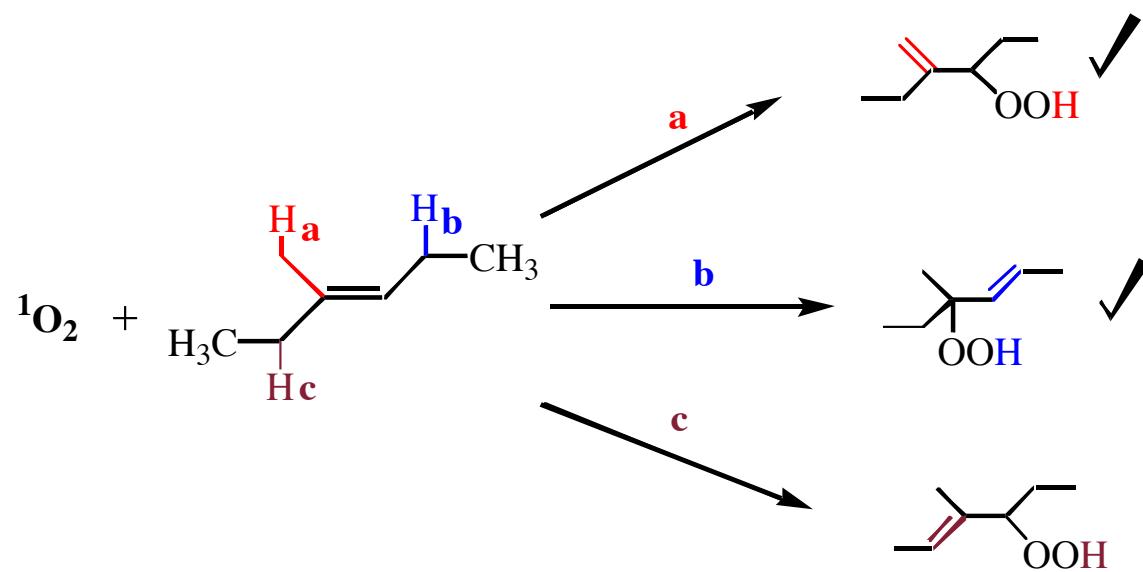
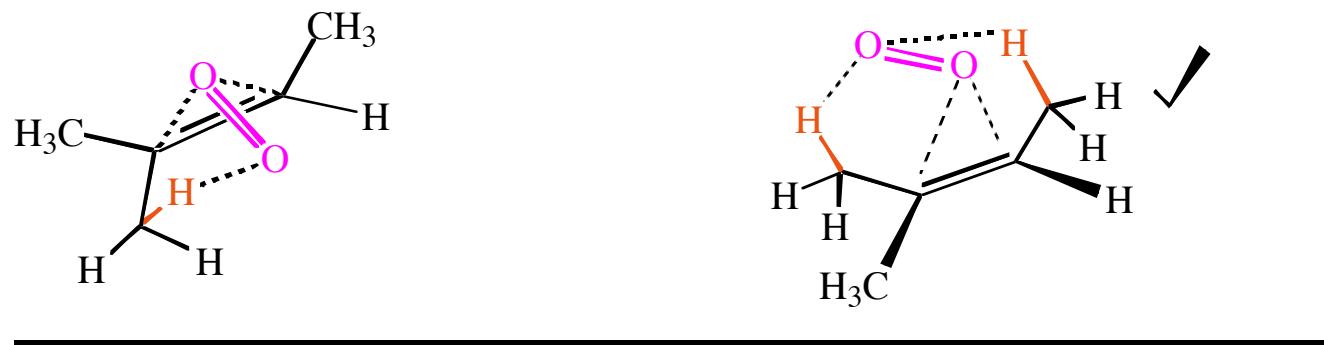
## Cation dependent electron density distribution



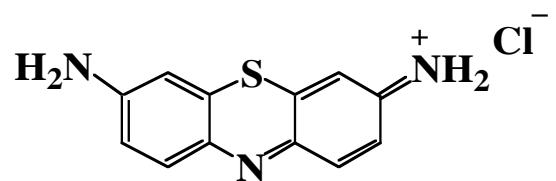
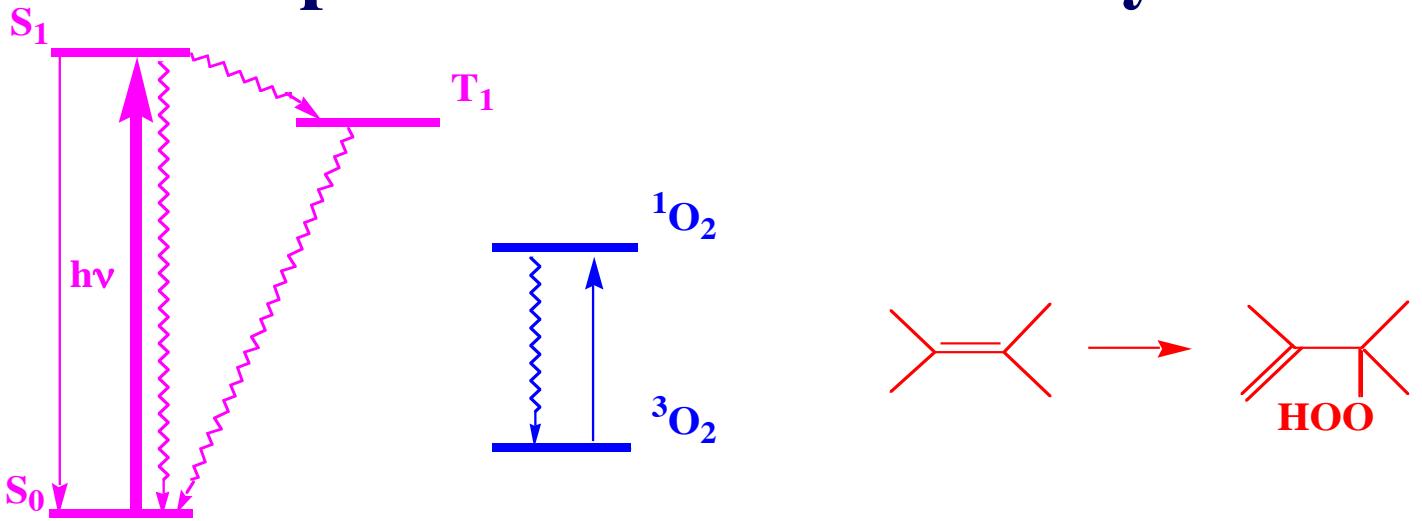
# Electric Field May Polarize the Olefin



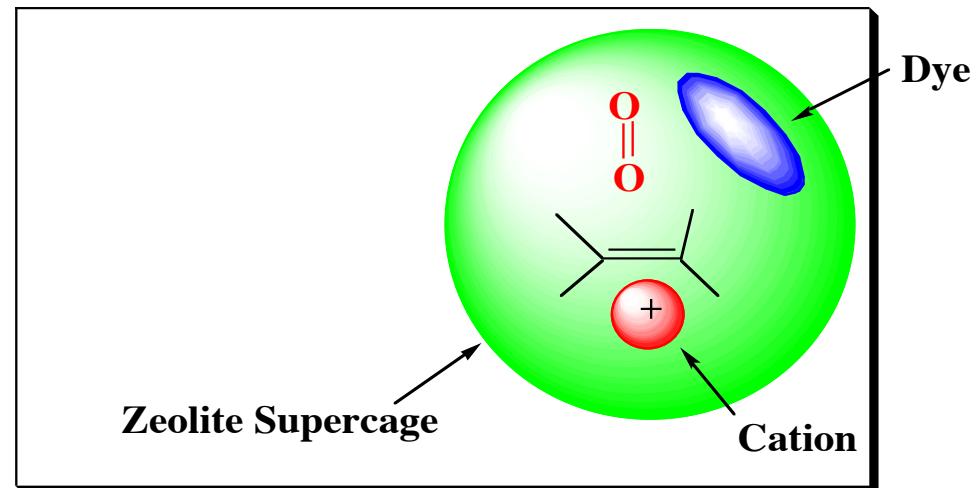
# Regioselective Photo-Oxidation



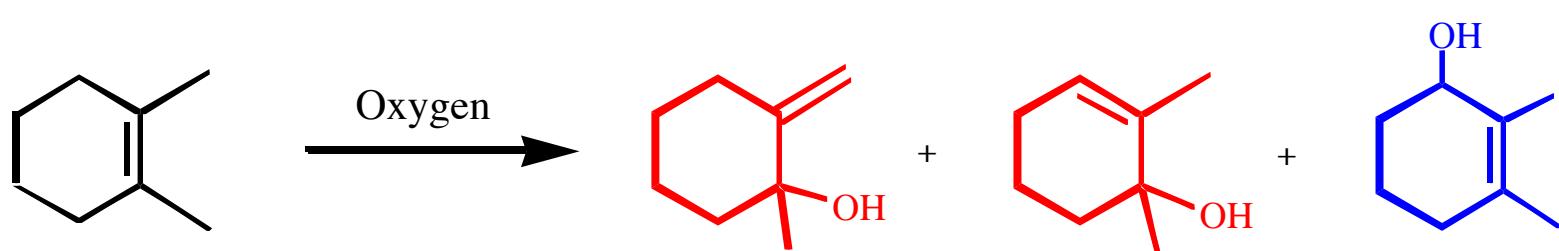
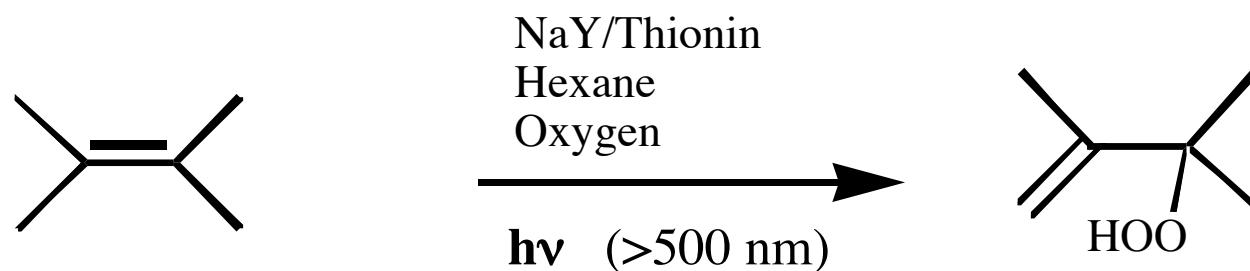
# Supramolecular Assembly



Thiazine dye: Thionin

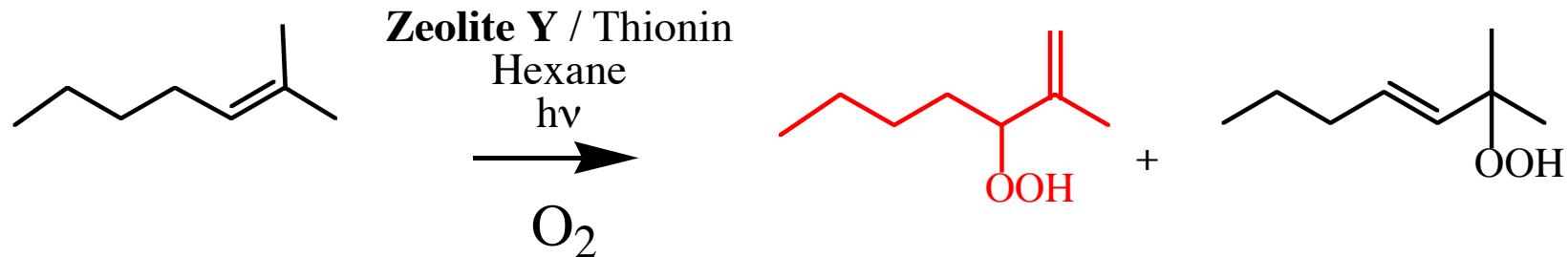


# Evidence for Singlet Oxygen Generation within Zeolites—Reaction



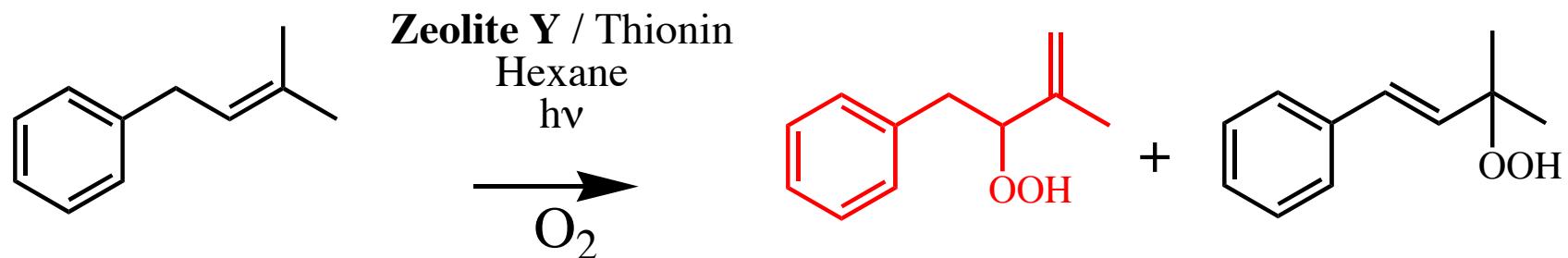
Rose Bengal /CH <sub>3</sub> CN	89	11	0
Thionin/Na Y/Hexane	90	10	0
Autoxidation	6	39	54

# Effect of Alkali Ions on Product Selectivity



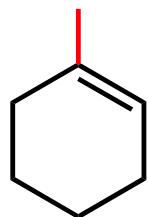
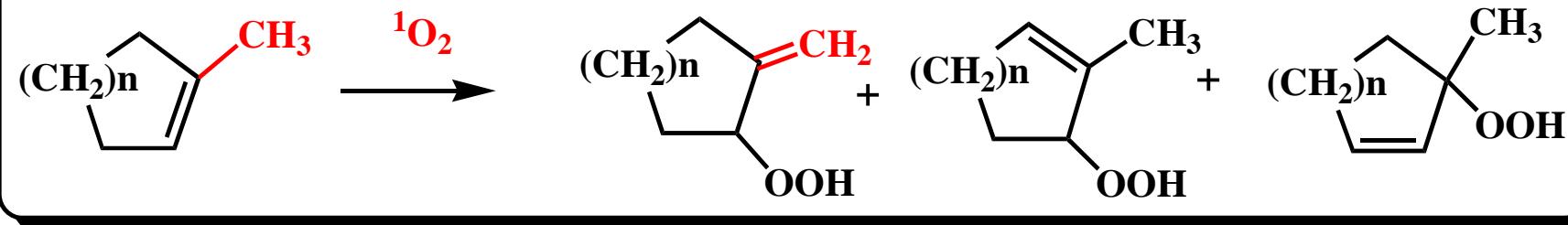
Cation	Cation radius	2°	3°
Acetonitrile/RB		49	51
LiY / Thionin	0.76 Å	74	26
NaY / Thionin	1.02	74	26
RbY / Thionin	1.52	59	41
CsY / Thionin	1.67	50	50

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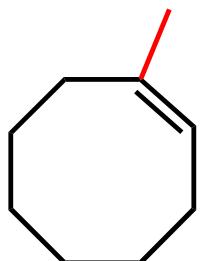


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NaY / Thionin	1.02	90	10
RbY / Thionin	1.52	70	30
CsY / Thionin	1.67	55	45

# Effect of Alkali Ions on Product Selectivity



Thionin/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	40	15	45
Thionin/ $\text{NaY}/\text{Hexane}$	88	2	10



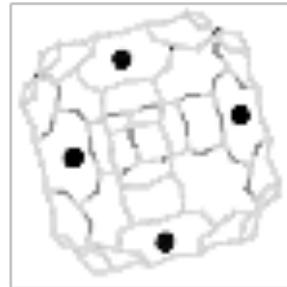
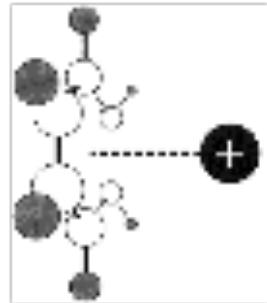
RB/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	27	42	31
Thionin/ $\text{NaY}/\text{Hexane}$	76	18	6

# Alkali Ion Controlled Photochemistry

## *Alkali Ion-Organic Interactions*

- Alkali Ion-Organic Very Weak Interaction (Spin-Orbit coupling)
- Alkali Ion-Carbonyl Dipolar Interaction
- Alkali Ion- $\pi$  (Alkenes) Quadrupolar Interaction
- **Alkali Ion- $\pi$  (Aromatics) Quadrupolar Interaction**

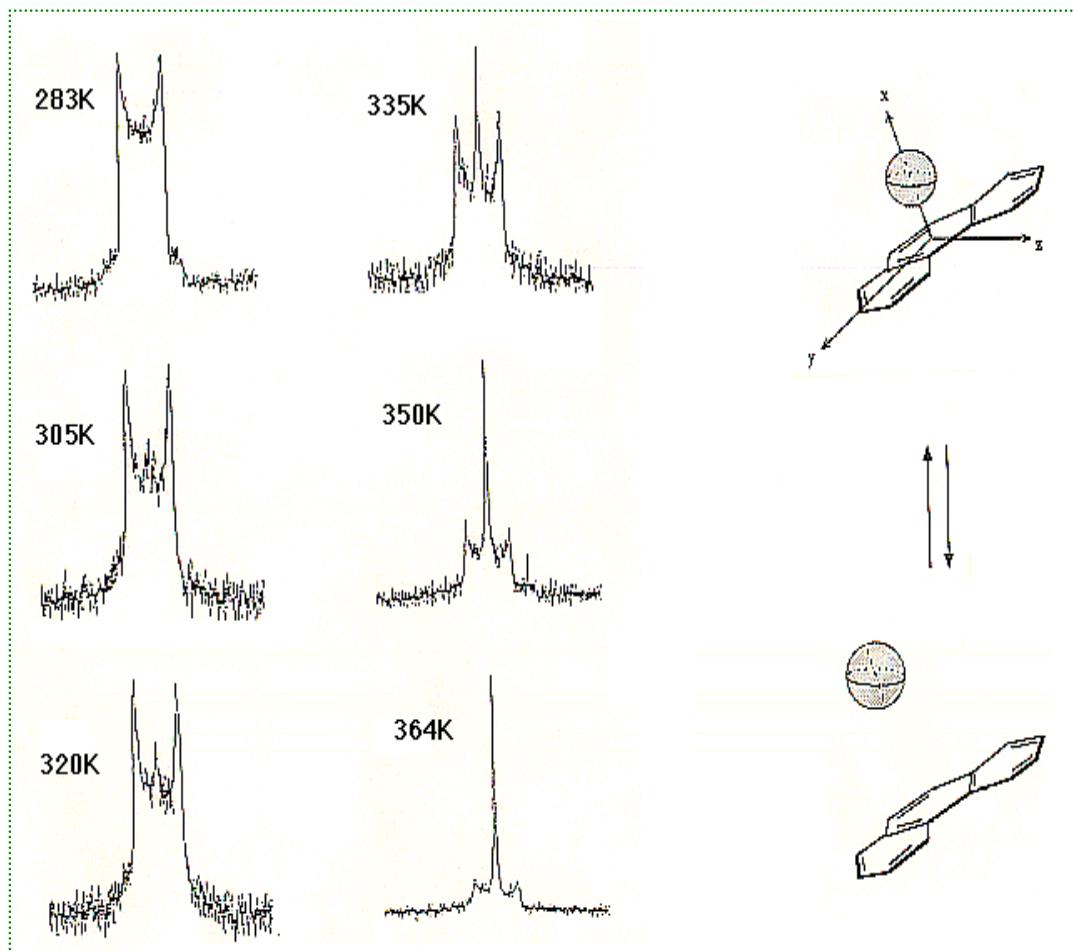
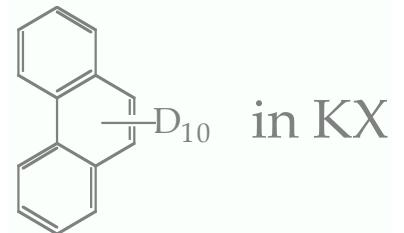
## Computed Interaction Energies (kcal/mole)



Metal ion	$M^+..Bz$
Li	-43.8
Na	-29.7
K	-16.7
Rb	-14.6
Cs	-11.9

All the values are computed at MP2 level of theory with a 6-31G\* basis set for C, H, Li and Na. Hay-Wadt effective core potential with valence functions are employed for the heavier metal ions such as K, Rb and Cs.

# Cation- $\pi$ interaction Variable temperature NMR



NaX

$\Delta H = -14.9 \text{ kcal/mole}$   
 $\Delta S = 52.5 \text{ cal/K.mole}^{-1}$   
 $\Delta F_{300} = 0.85 \text{ kcal/mole}$

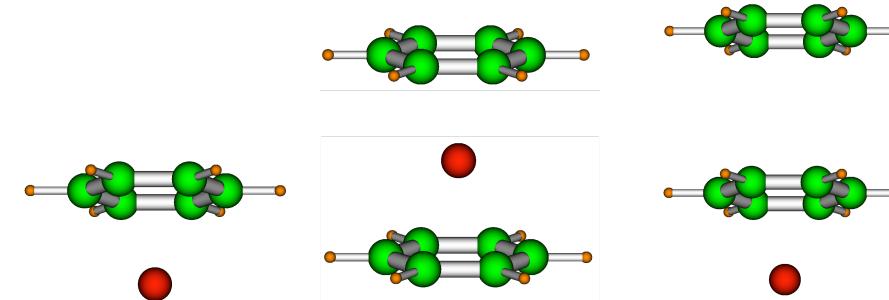
KX

$\Delta H = -11.0 \text{ kcal/mole}$   
 $\Delta S = 29.9 \text{ cal/K.mole}^{-1}$   
 $\Delta F_{300} = 2.03 \text{ kcal/mole}$

CsX

$\Delta H = -7.9 \text{ kcal/mole}$   
 $\Delta S = 22.7 \text{ cal/K.mole}^{-1}$   
 $\Delta F_{300} = 1.1 \text{ kcal/mole}$

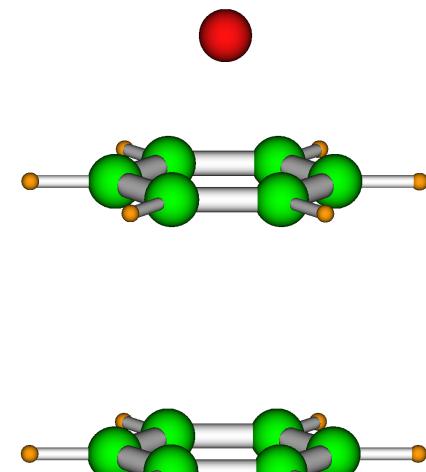
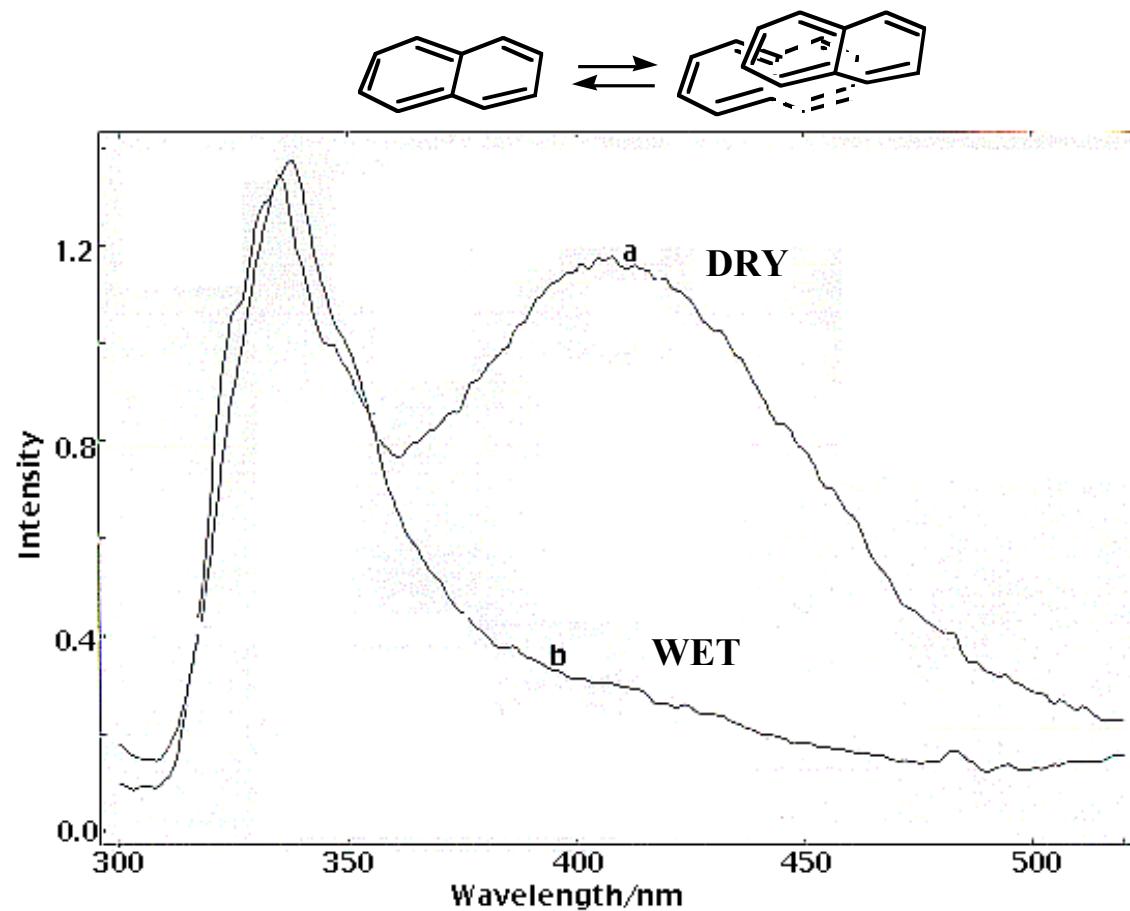
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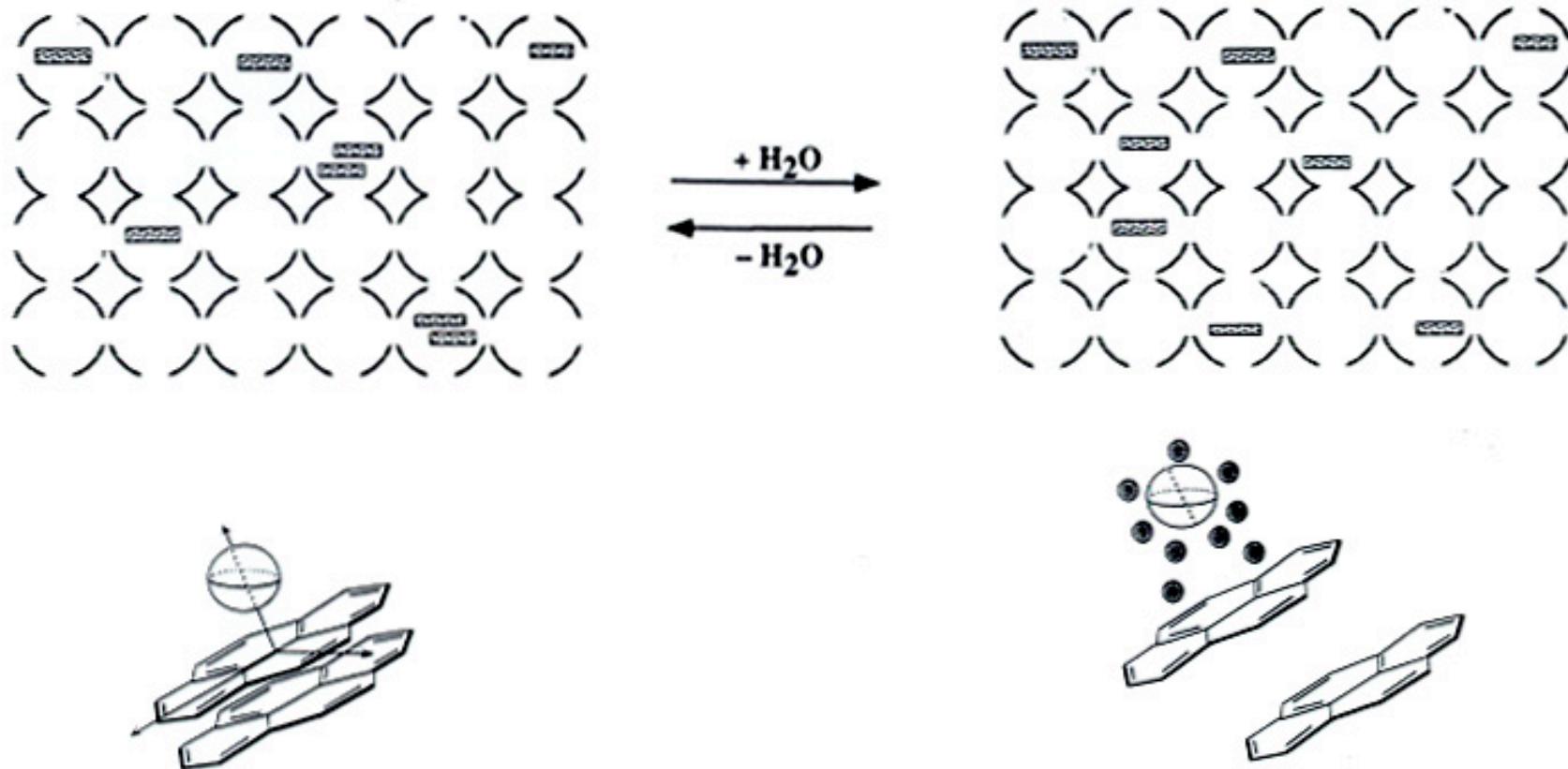
Metal ion /System	$M^+..Bz$	$Bz..M^+..Bz$	$[M^+..Bz]..Bz$
Li	-43.8	-81.1	-6.93
Na	-29.7	-56.2	-5.77
K	-16.7	-32.3	-5.03
Rb	-14.6	-27.7	-4.50
Cs	-11.9	-22.6	-4.19

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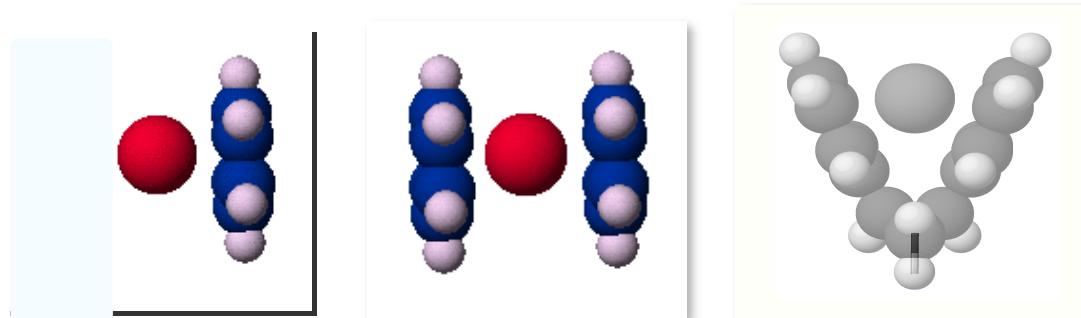
# Alkali Ion Controlled Aggregation of Aromatic Molecules



# Aggregation of Aromatic Molecules Prompted by Alkali ion- $\pi$ (Aromatic) Interaction

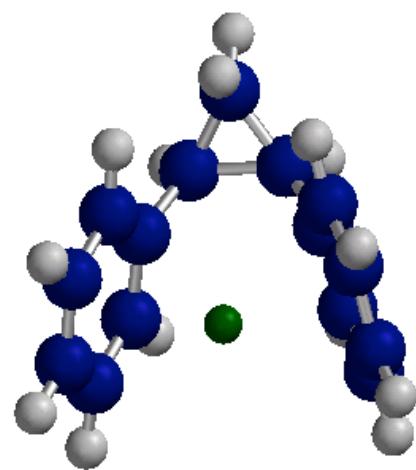
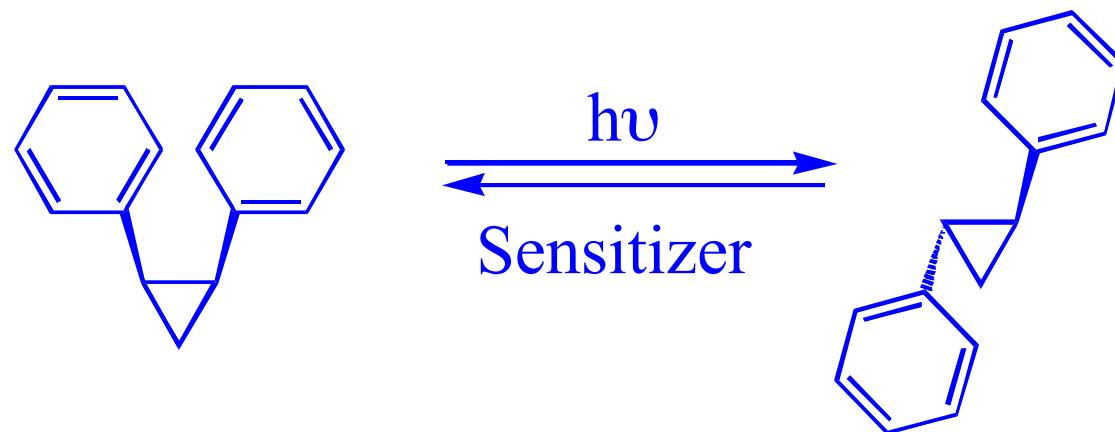


## Computed Interaction Energies (kcal/mole)



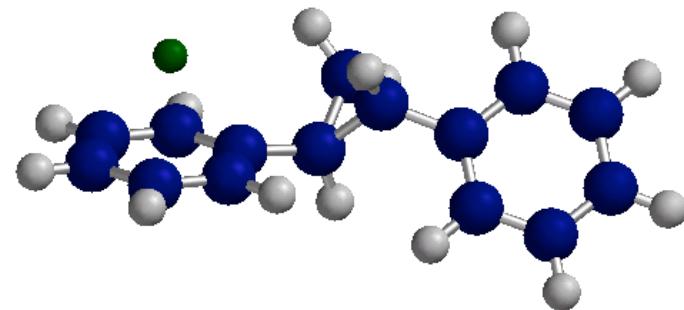
Metal ion /System	$\text{M}^+..\text{Bz}$	$\text{Bz}..\text{M}^+..\text{Bz}$	<i>cis</i> -DPC.. $\text{M}^+$
Li	-43.8	-81.1	-75.8
Na	-29.7	-56.2	-53.9
K	-16.7	-32.3	-32.6
Rb	-14.6	-27.7	-28.2
Cs	-11.9	-22.6	-22.7

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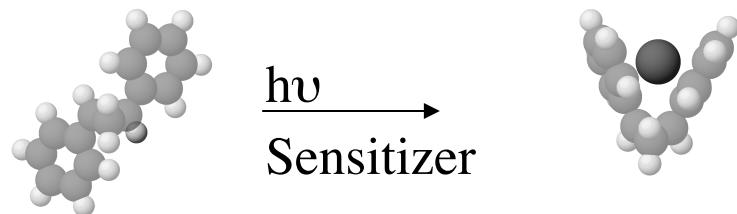


BE (kcal/mol)

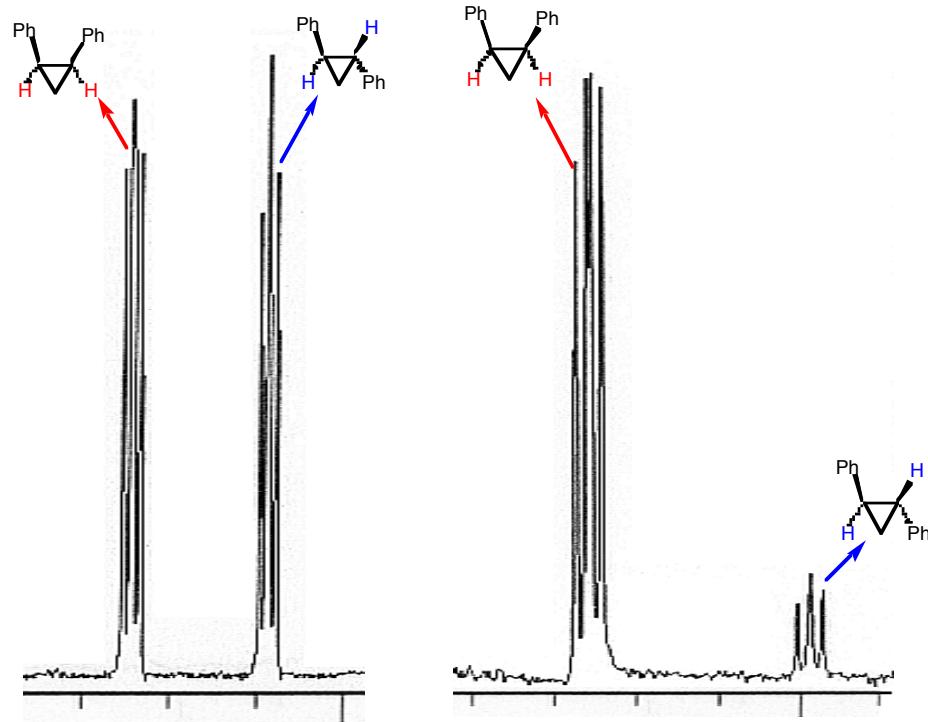
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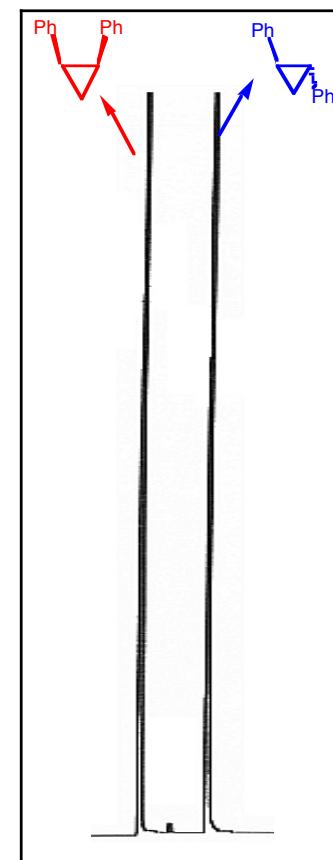


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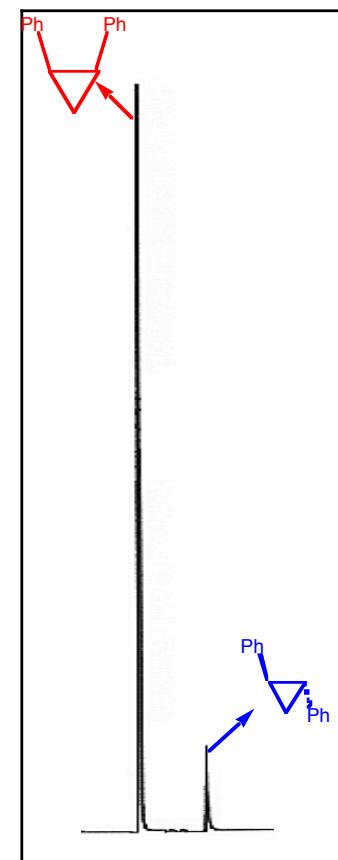


**NaY Irradiation**

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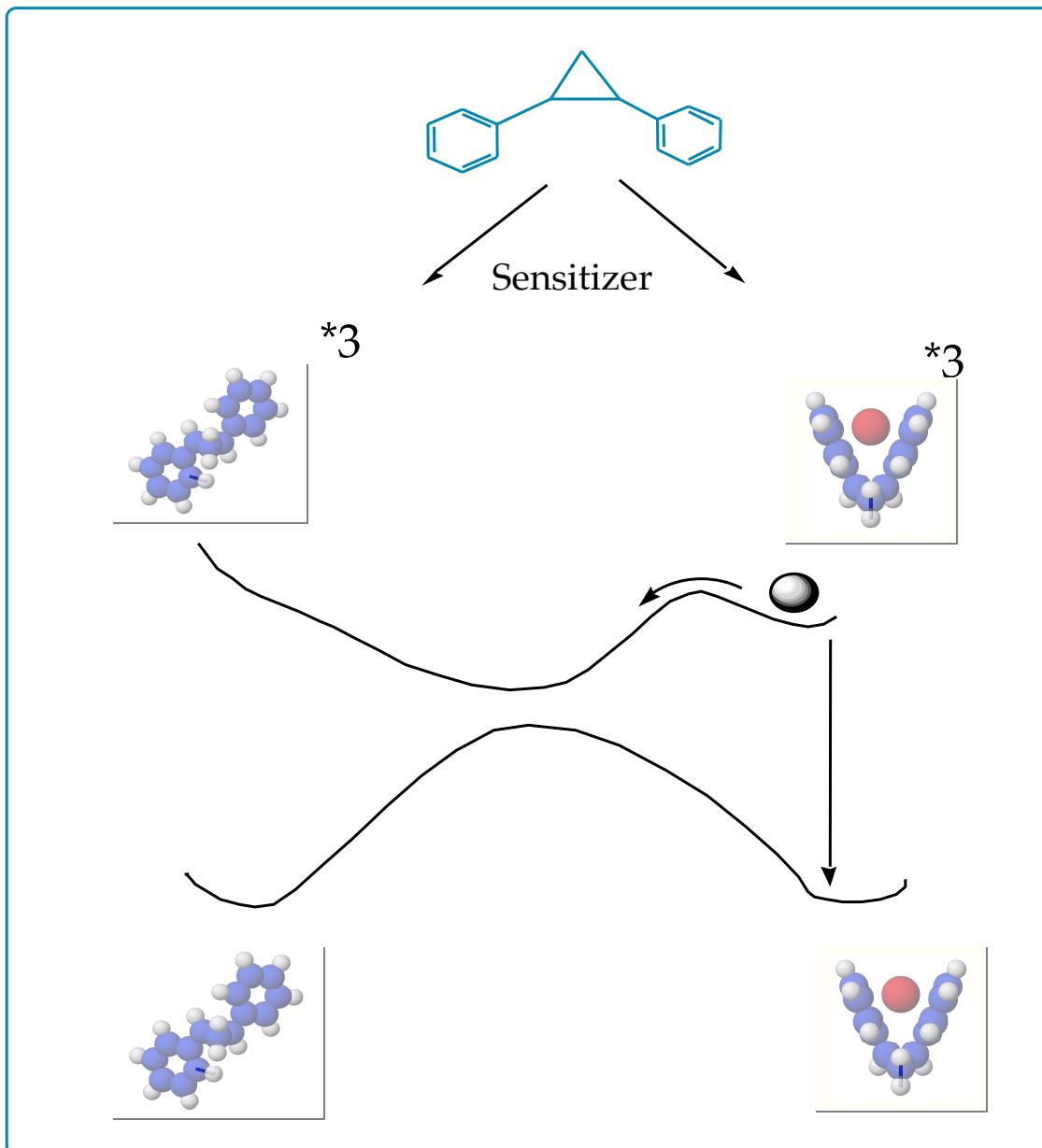
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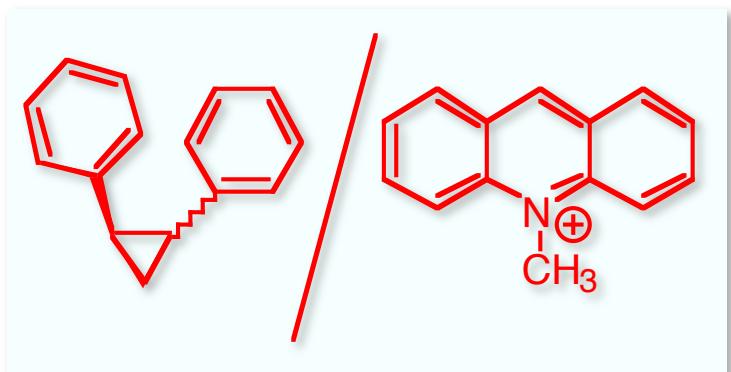
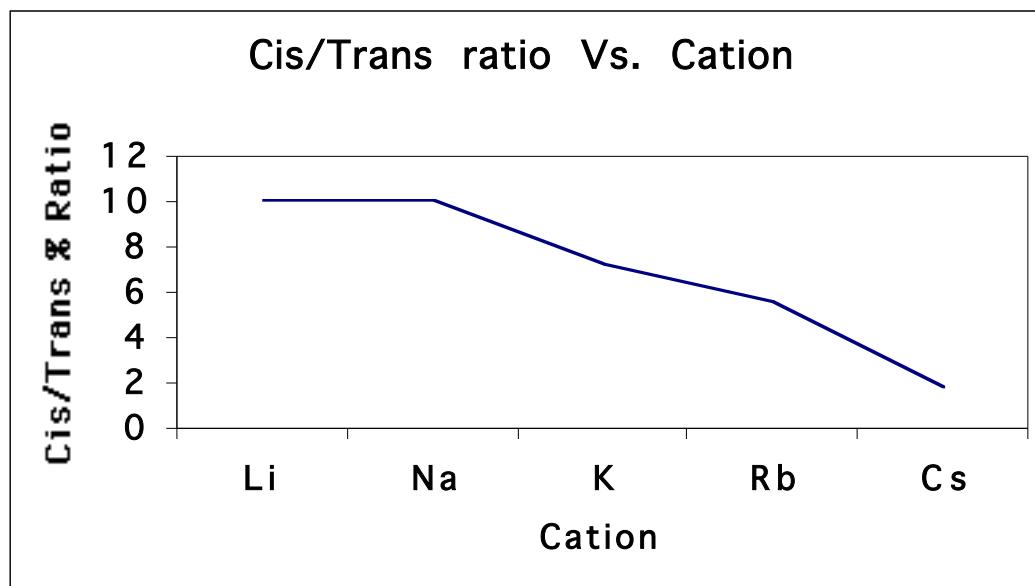
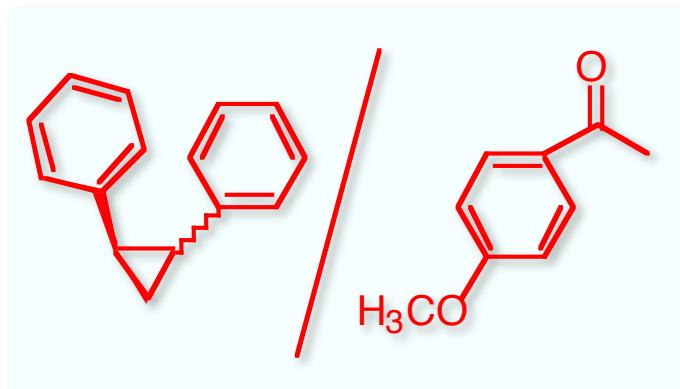
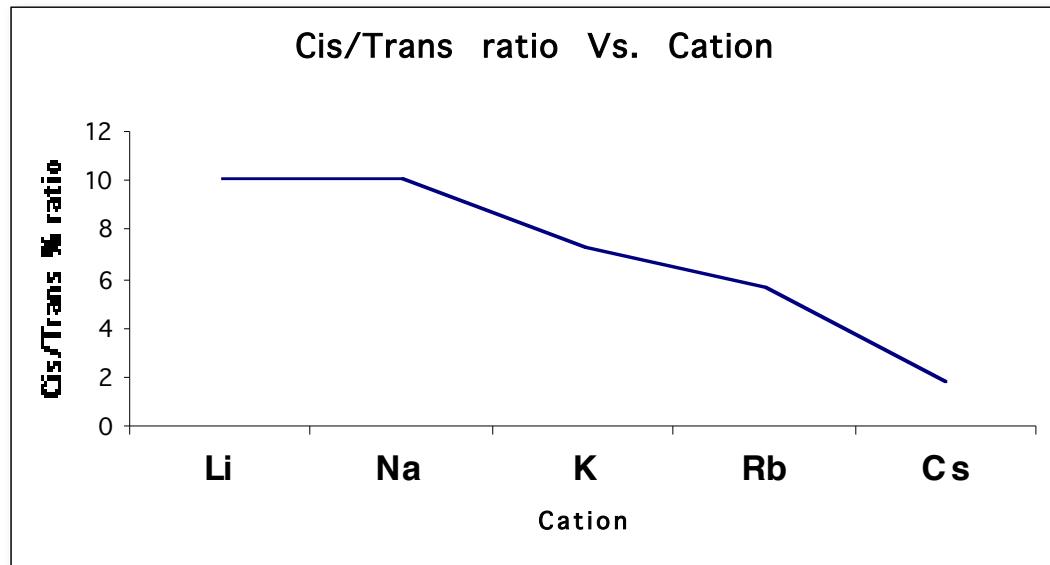
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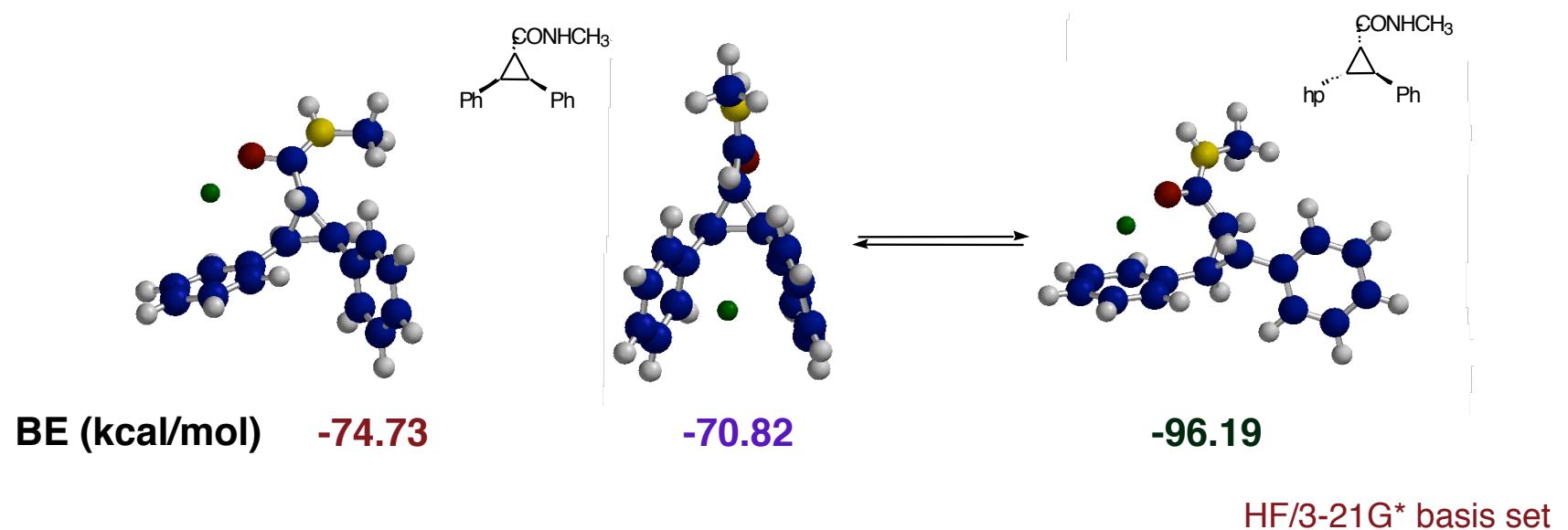
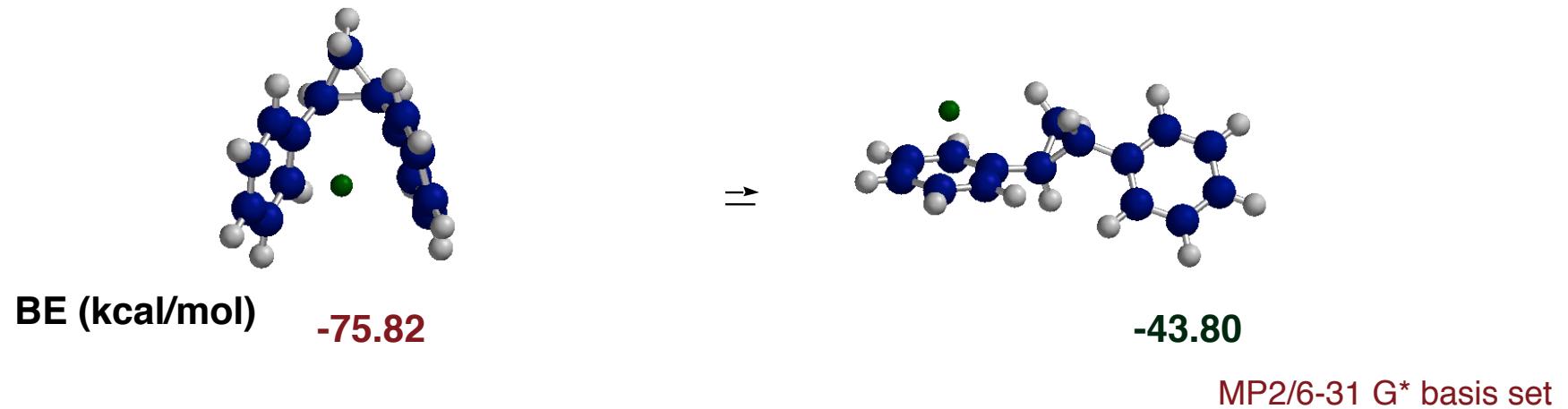
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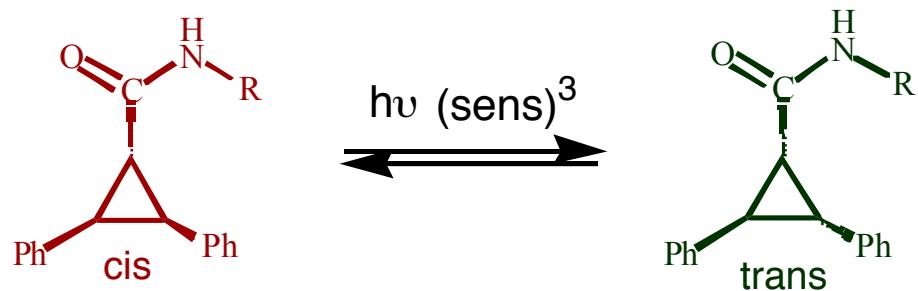
# Cation Effect (dry condition)...



# Alkali ion effect could be switched off by changing the binding site



# No Alkali Ion Influenced Cis Enrichment in Amides of Diphenylcyclopropane Carboxylic Acids



**Photostationary state cis:trans ratio**

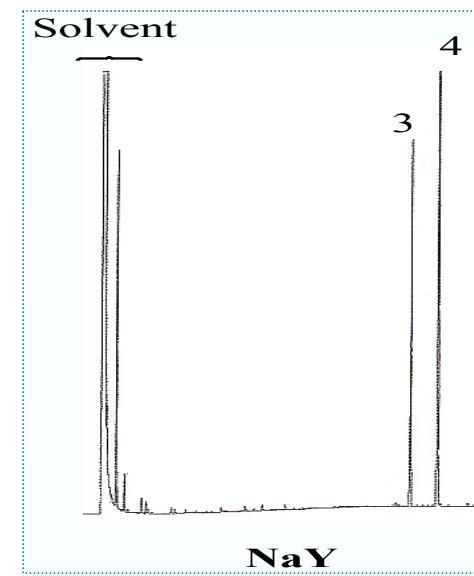
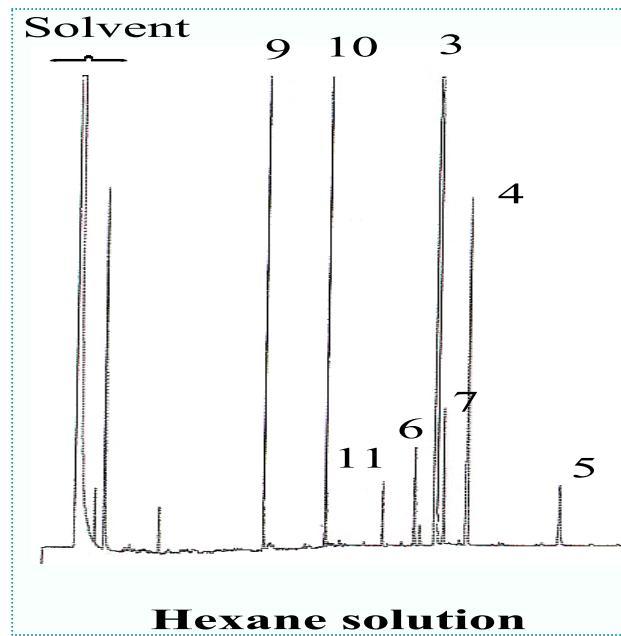
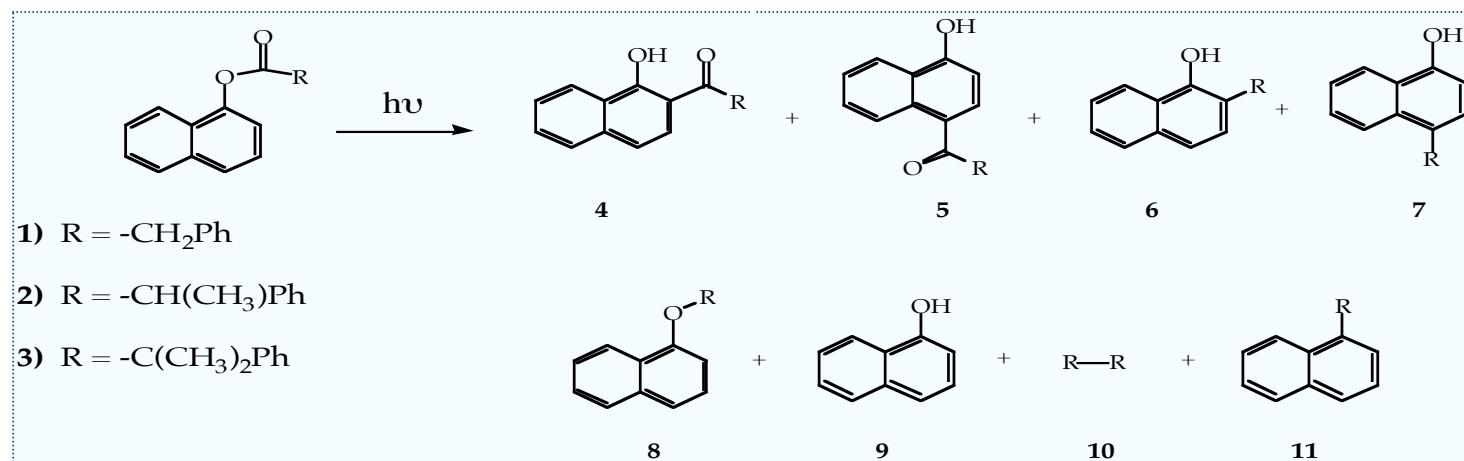
Medium			
Solution	48:52	50:50	35:65
LiY	12:88	11:89	10:90
NaY	40:60	35:65	21:79
KY	35:65	58:42	38:62
RbY	33:67	55:45	40:60
CsY	55:45	56:44	41:59

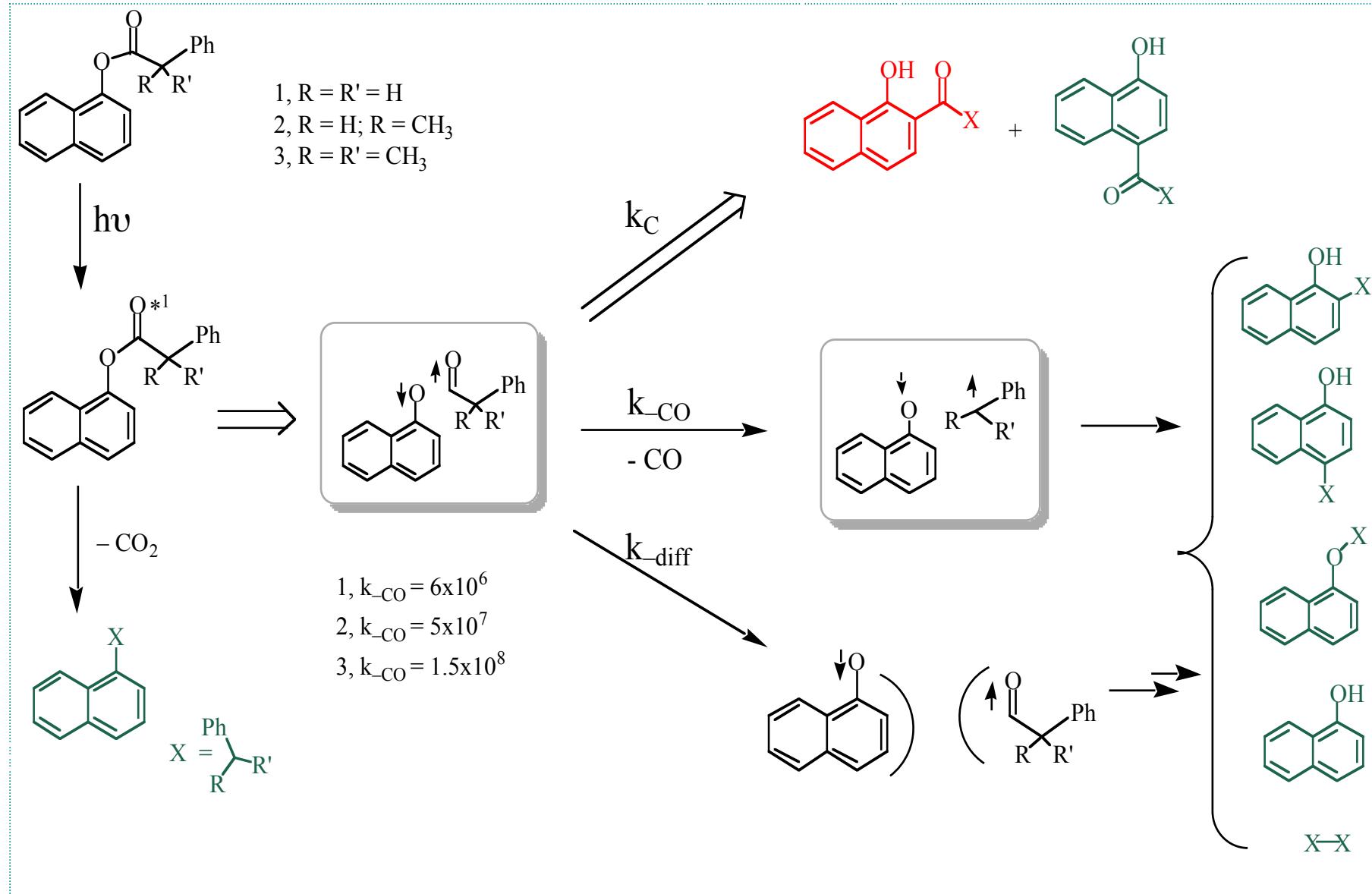
# Alkali Ion Controlled Photochemistry

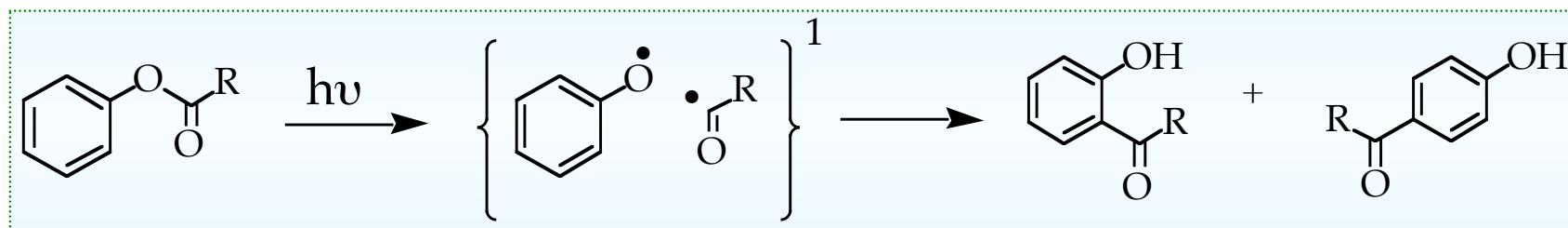
*Alkali Ion-Organic Interactions*

*Making Use of Multiple Binding*

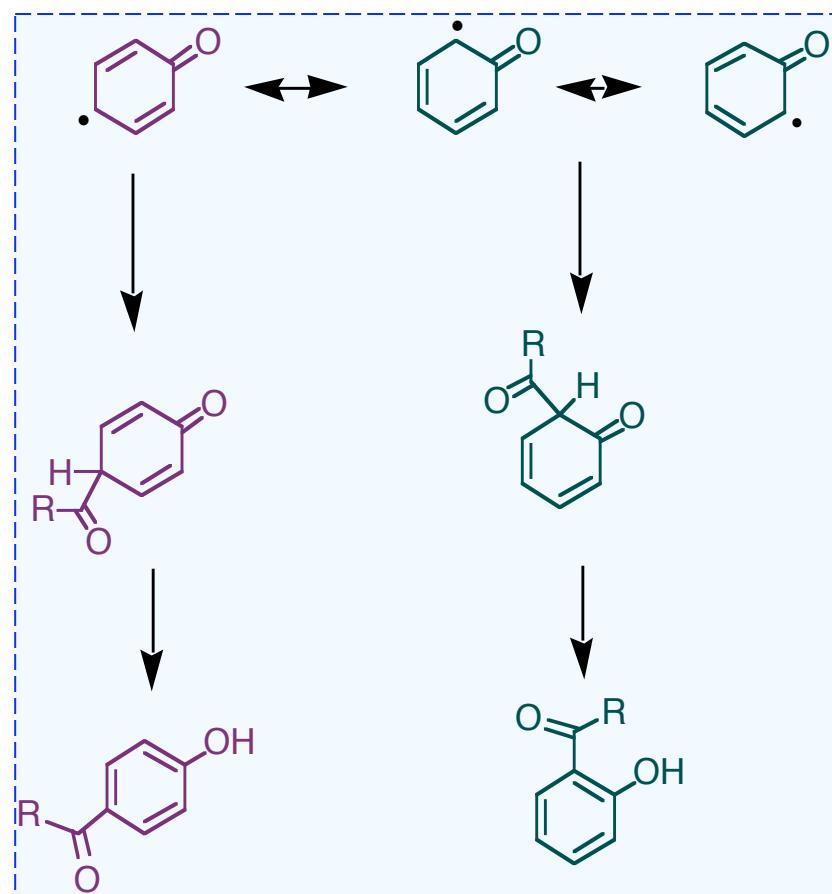
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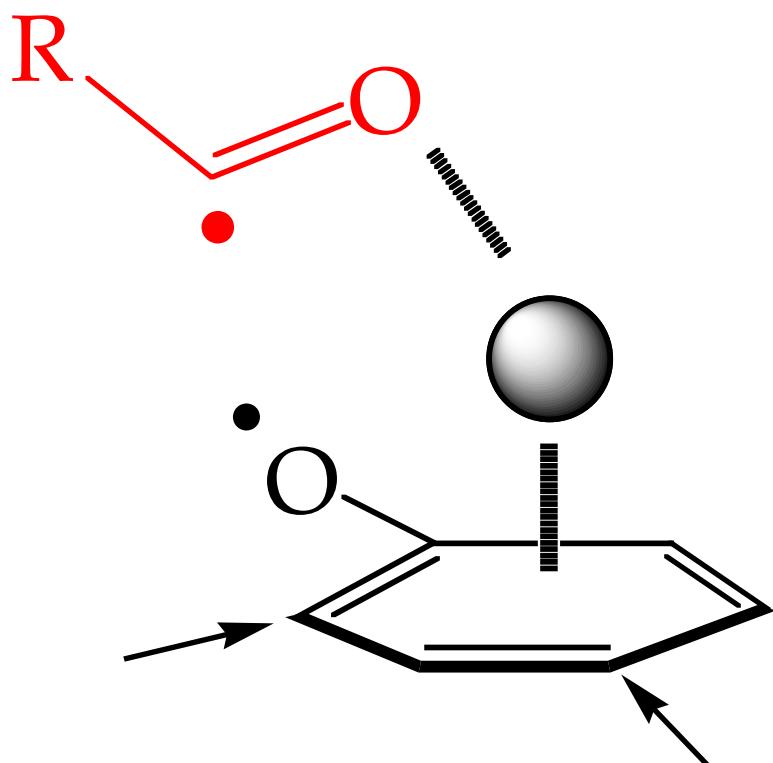


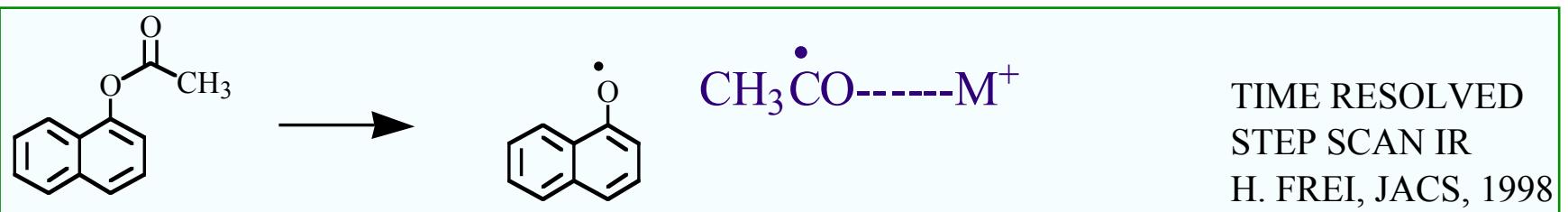
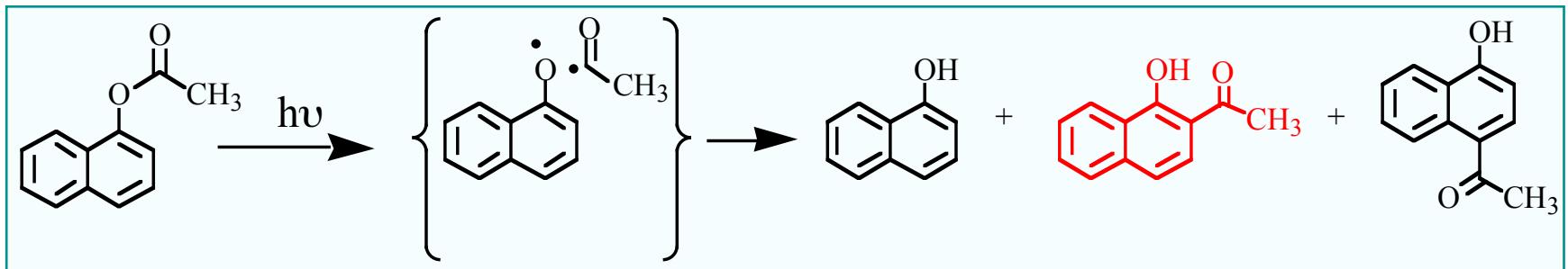


## Solution

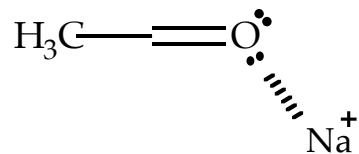


## Zeolite



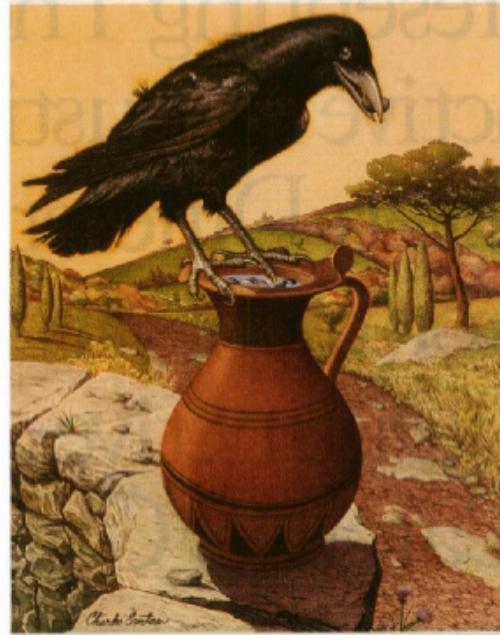


- Acetyl radical ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$ ) is detected by IR ( $2127 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )
- The absorption of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$  radical within NaY is shifted by  $285 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  to the blue with respect to the argon matrix value of  $1842 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- Probable structure of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$  radical within NaY is suggested to be



- The  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$  radical has a lifetime of  $\sim 75 \mu\text{s}$  within NaY

## *The Crow and the Pitcher*



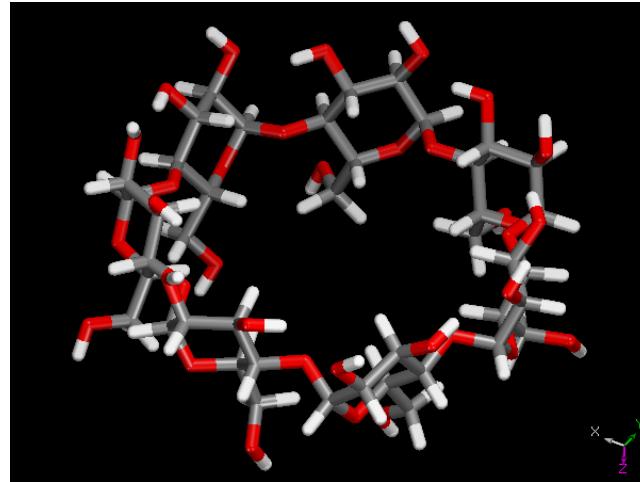
Cations are more than inert fillers

**Cation-organic interactions could be used to influence various photochemical and photophysical events**

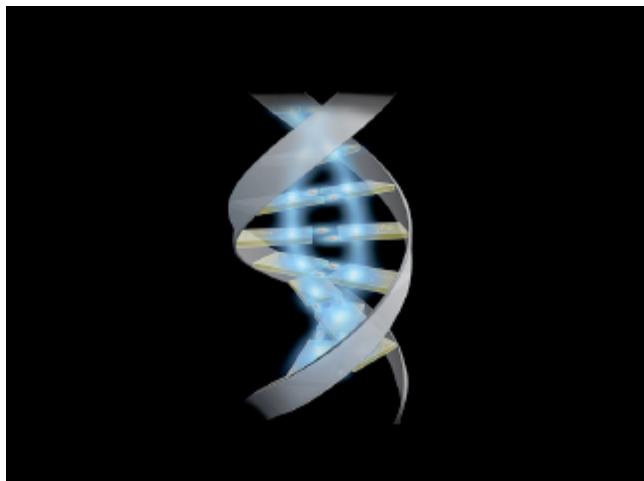
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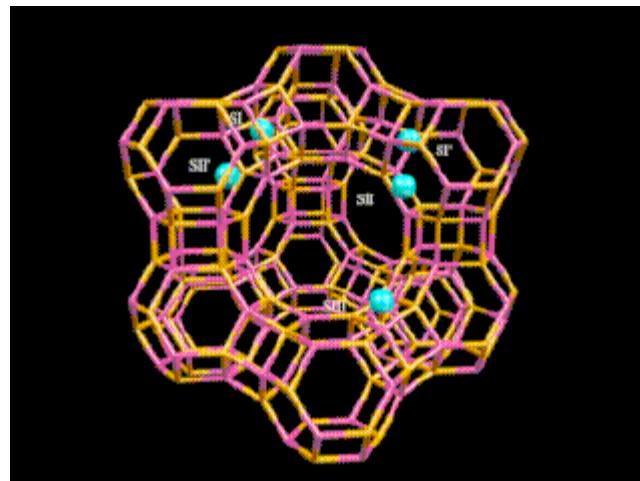
*Crystals*



*Cyclodextrins*



*DNA*



*Zeolite*



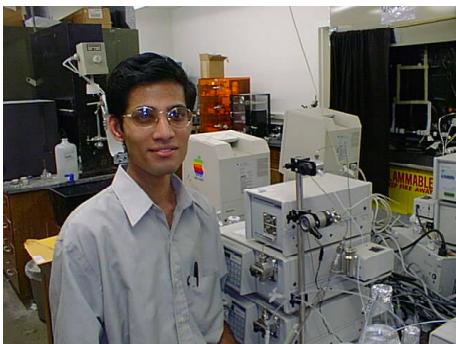
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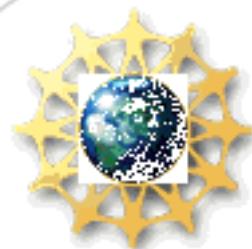


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