

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1964 "for her determinations by X-ray techniques of the structures of important biochemical substances"





She belonged to many international peace organizations and, owing to Cold War restrictions, was not permitted to obtain a U.S. visa until 1990.

#### Photodimerization of trans-Cinnamic acids



## Topochemical principle: Reactions in the solid state take place with minimum atomic movements.

G. M. J. Schmidt et al. 'Solid State Photochemitsry, A Collection of Papers', Verlag Chemie, 1976.

## $\alpha$ -trans-Cinnamic acid Leads to centrosymmetric dimer





 $\beta$ -trans-Cinnamic acid Leads to mirror symmetric dimer



Packing arrangement of methyl-meta-bromocinnamate.

Note that the two reactive double bonds are not parallel to one another.

Topochemical principle: Reactions in the solid state take place with minimum atomic movements.

**Crystal Engineering** 

G. M. J. Schmidt et al. 'Solid State Photochemitsry, A Collection of Papers', Verlag Chemie, 1976.





K. Venkatesan, V. Ramamurthy et. al., (1984)

The next decade will surely see more use of crystallographic information in the field of large-amplitude molecular motions in the solid state

J. D. Dunitz, V. Schomaker and K. N. Trueblood (1988)

#### Difference Fourier maps of (E)-stilbene



## Pedal motion of stilbenes



Harada and Ogawa, JACS, 126, 3539 (2004).

## Photodimerization of criss-cross alkenes



Time of hv (hrs)	% conv.	β- truxinate	cis	δ- dimer
7	23	20	3	trace
12	35	30	4	1
21	45	38	5	2
32	57	49	6	2





 $d_1 = 3.9 \ A^\circ$  and  $d_2 = 4.1 \ A^\circ$ 

## Large motions are tolerated in the crystal

- C=C exists in criss-crossed arrangement.
- Pedal-like conformational change by one of the cinnamic acid molecules is required for β-dimer formation.



## **Cis-Trans** Photoisomerization in Crystals



## Photoisomerization of *cis*-8-fluoranthenyl styrene





Large distance between the reactive double bonds 6.77 A° precludes cyclobutane intermediate.

### Photoisomerization of cis-8-fluoranthenyl styrene

С

а



Empty channel along c axis



Absence of short contacts near reaction site favors rotation.

C---C > 3.4 A° C---H > 2.8 A° H---H > 2.4 A°

#### Pre-organization with a guest: Non reactive molecule made to react



In solution isomerization In crystals no reaction







MacGillivray et. al., JACS, 2000, 122, 7817.

## Overview of templated dimerization of olefins in solid-state



#### Thiourea as a possible template (Cambridge Structural Database)



































#### An overview of photochemistry of stilbazoles in thiourea co-crystals



protons in dimer products

#### Anomalous orientation of 4-cyanostilbazole in thiourea co-crystals

















Does Not Dimerize



Does Not Dimerize

## Acknowledgements





## **National Science Foundation**

WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

## **Controlling Products in Photocycloaddition Reactions**









Poor alignment Multiple products

Highly aligned Single product de Mayo et al., JCS. Chem. Comm., 1980, 994

### Water Soluble Hosts as Confined Media



## Supramolecular Containers



### Syn head-head

#### Anti head-tail



 $\pi$ -  $\pi$  interaction

#### *trans*-Cinnamic acids photo inactive in solid state (γ-form)





Ar	Solid state	% of dimer in CB[8]	% of cis isomer
R=4-OCH <sub>3</sub>		72	28
R=3-OCH <sub>3</sub>		72	28
R=3-CH <sub>3</sub>		83	17

# *trans*-Cinnamic acids that yield *anti* H-T dimer upon irradiation in solid state ( $\alpha$ -form)









1) Top-<sup>1</sup>H NMR of O-methoxy cinnamate in  $D_2O$ 2) Bottom- <sup>1</sup>H NMR of encapsulated O-methoxy cinnamate in Pd-Nanocage (0.5 eq.)











 $R_1$ 



Syn HH

Syn HT



R₄= R₅= R₅=H	Water	60	40	-
1 2 3	Pd-nanocage	>90	-	-
R₄=Me.	Water	15	-	85
$R_2 = R_3 = H$	Pd-nanocage	>90	-	-

R₂= OMe.	Water		>90	-
$R_1 = R_3 = H$	Pd-nanocage	>90	-	-

R <sub>a</sub> =OMe	Water	Not soluble		
$R_1 = R_2 = H$	Pd-nanocage	>90	-	-





Charge repulsion



Syn H-H



Cation- $\boldsymbol{\pi}$  interaction



Anti H-T



Cation- $\pi$  interaction Minimized ionic repulsion

anti H-T

Guest	Medium	anti H-T	syn H-T	cis
	Water	03	02	95
H-N	CB[8]	90	05	05
+ <sup>H</sup>	Water	02	02	96
	CB[8]	82	00	18



anti H-H



syn H-T

## Photochemistry of Stilbazoles



Anti H-T

Medium	<i>anti</i> H-T	<i>syn</i> H-T	cis
dil. HCl	13	16	71
PHBSA	24	14	62
CA[6]SO <sub>3</sub> H	76	5	19
CA[8]SO <sub>3</sub> H	86	2	12
CB[8]	90		10



Cation-  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$  interaction







Can additional weak interactions (eg. Cl---Cl) alter the olefin pre-orientation?



Counter anion Cl<sup>-</sup>



Head-tail



Head-head

Guest	Medium	Cis+ Cyclized	Head-tail	Head-head
_				
́ <sup>*</sup> -н	CB[8]	02	93	05
	γ-CD	48	27	19
、	<i>C</i> B[8]	12	88	00
°-{-}-	γ-CD	26	74	
	<i>C</i> B[8]	02	92	06
	γ-CD	27	5	68
		00	0.4	49
сі	CB[8]	03	δ4	13
	γ-CD	25	8	67





## Acknowledgements





# National Science Foundation

in a L