



# Photochemistry in a Capsule: Dynamics and Reactions

# Controlling Photochemical Reactions With Confinement and Weak Intermolecular Forces

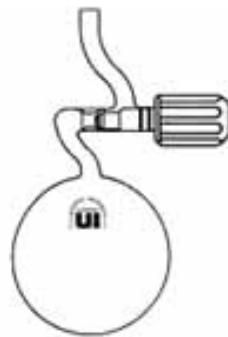


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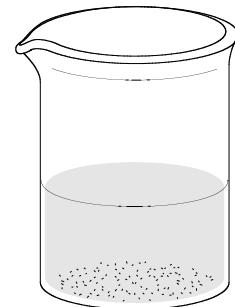


Weak  
Forces

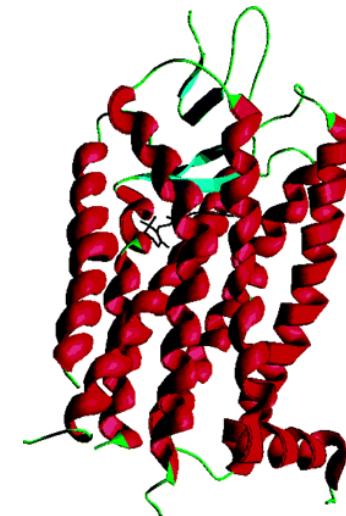
# Medium Matters



Gas phase



Solution  
(solvent + solute)



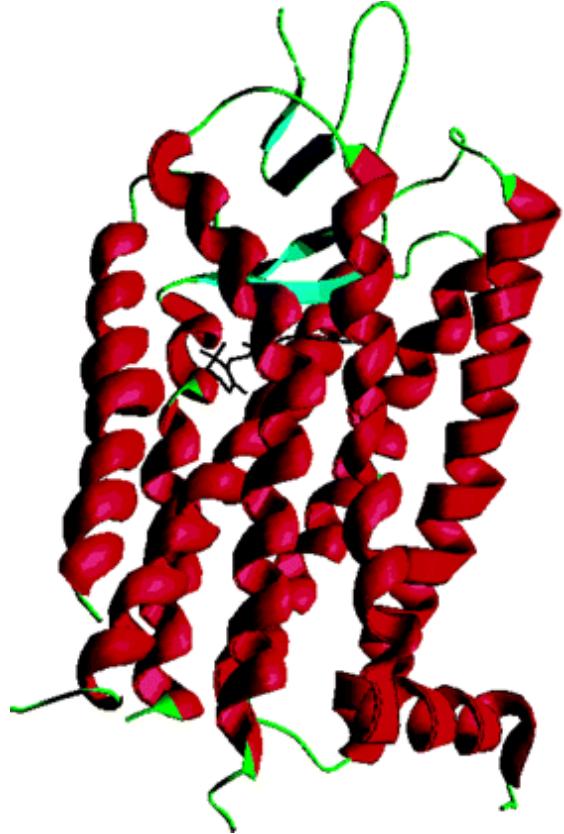
Rhodopsin

Increasing selectivity

How do biological media enforce selectivity?

By providing highly constrained and well defined nano sized reaction cavity.

How can we achieve such a high level of selectivity in photochemical reactions in a laboratory?



- Confinement
- Weak interactions
- Ability to solubilize substrates in water

How can we achieve such a high level of selectivity in photochemical reactions in a laboratory?

Are there any other media with some of the features of biological media?

# Bioinspired Green Supramolecular (Nano) Photochemistry Container Chemistry

**Objective:** To carry out product selective photoreactions in water (or in solid state)

**Problem:** Organic compounds generally are either poorly soluble or insoluble in water

(Most organic compounds are liquid)

**Solution:** Use water soluble hosts to solubilize organic molecules

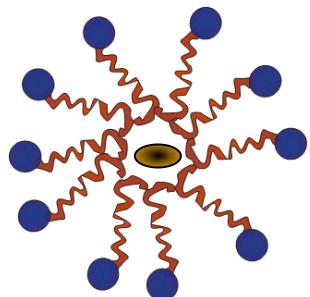
(Use solid hosts to trap liquid molecules)

Use confining hosts to achieve product selectivity

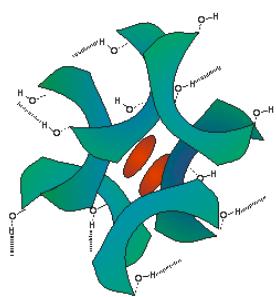
# Common Containers



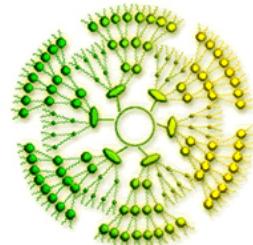
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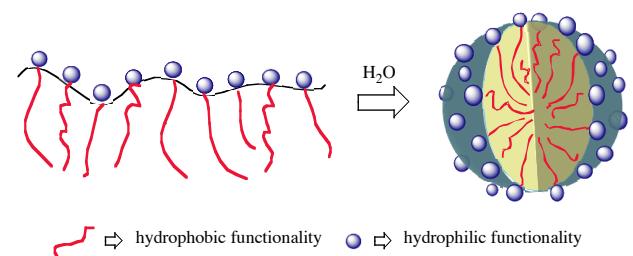
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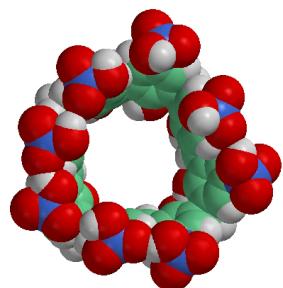
NaCh / NaDCh



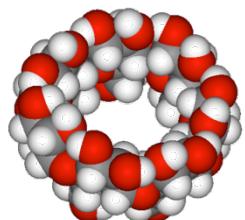
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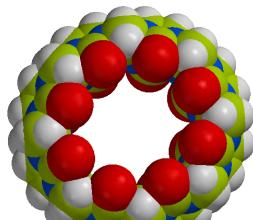
Water soluble polymer



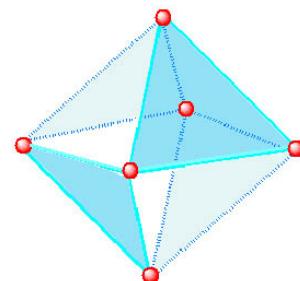
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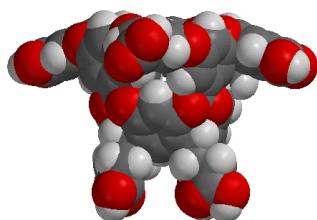
Cyclodextrins



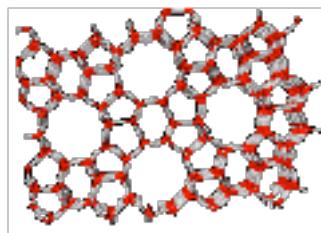
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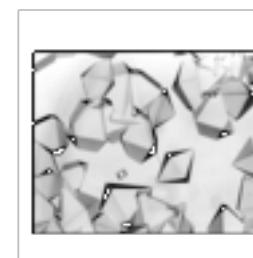
Pd nano cage



Octa acid

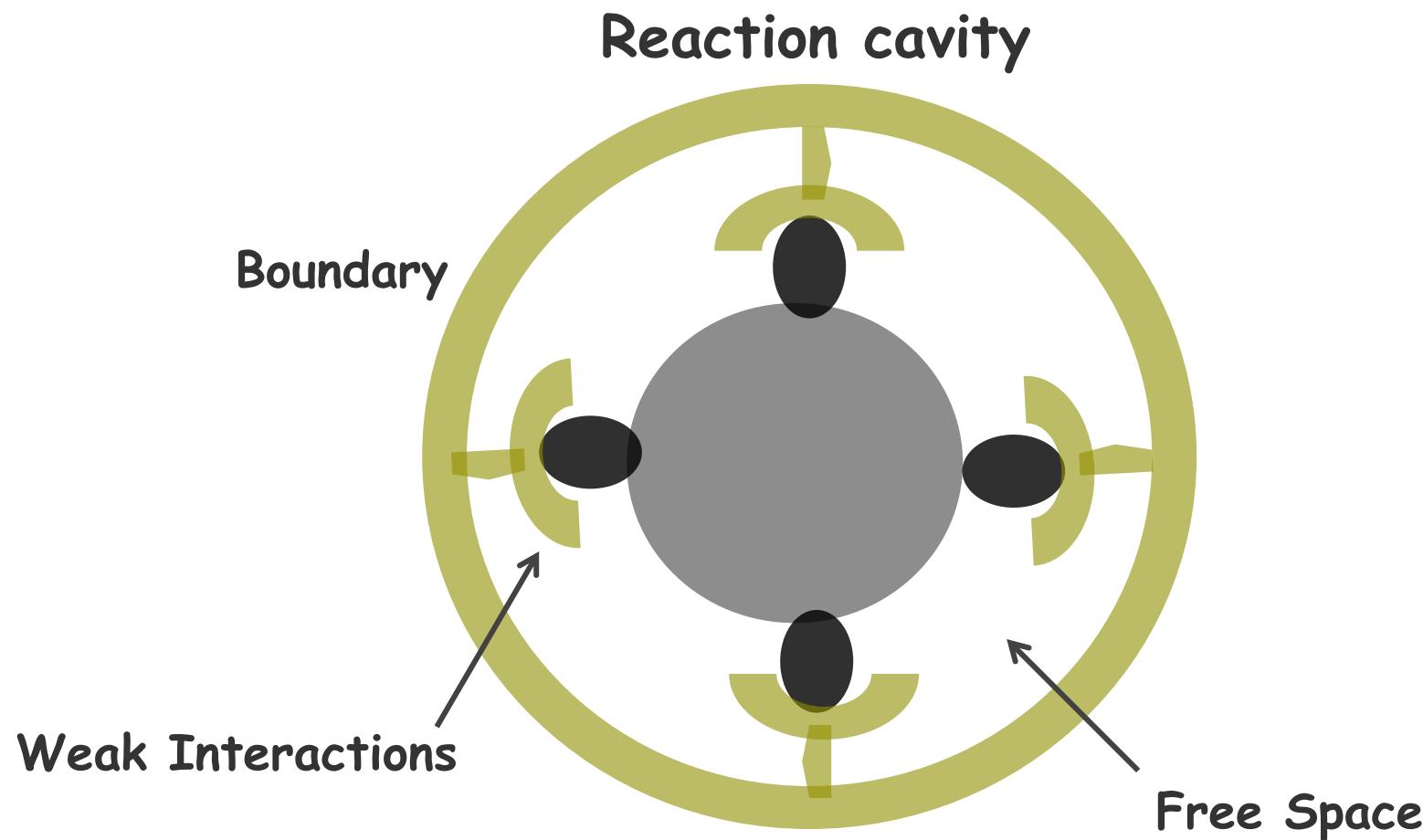


Zeolites



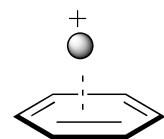
Crystals

# Supramolecular Containers: General Features

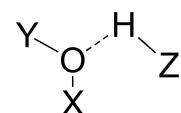


# Relevant Weak Interactions in Supramolecular Chemistry

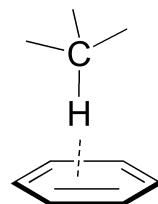
Examples of weak intermolecular interactions (typical energies vary from <1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> to ~10 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>)



Cation---π bond



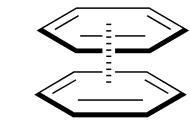
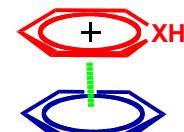
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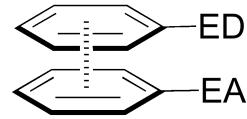
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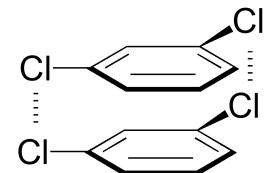
van der Waals  
bonds



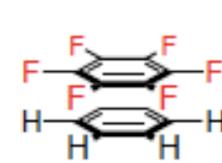
π-π bond



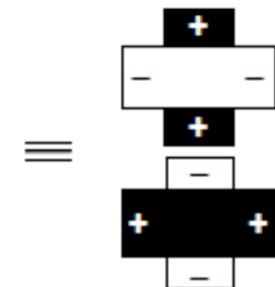
Charge  
transfer bond



Chlorine---Chlorine

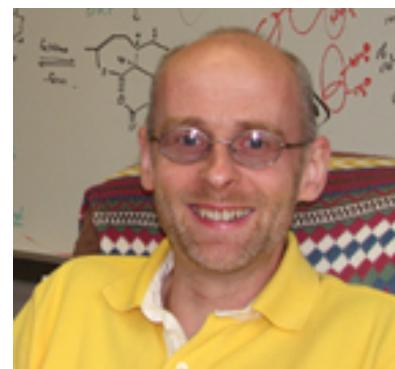
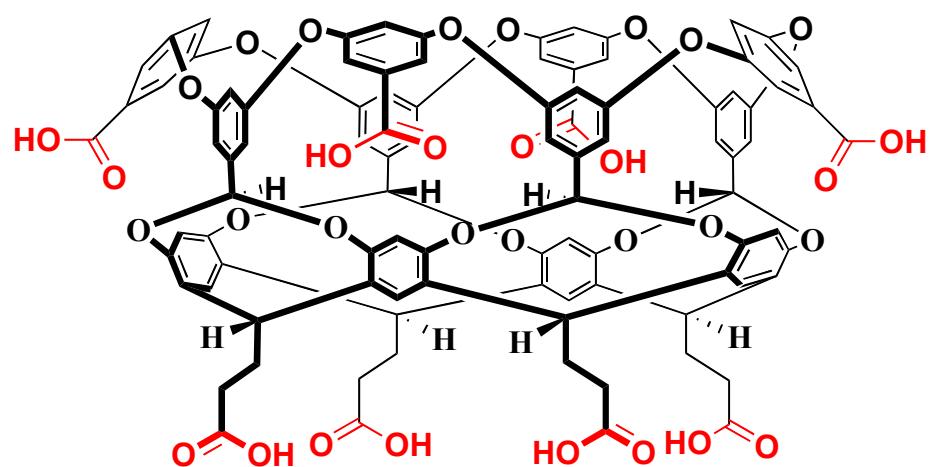
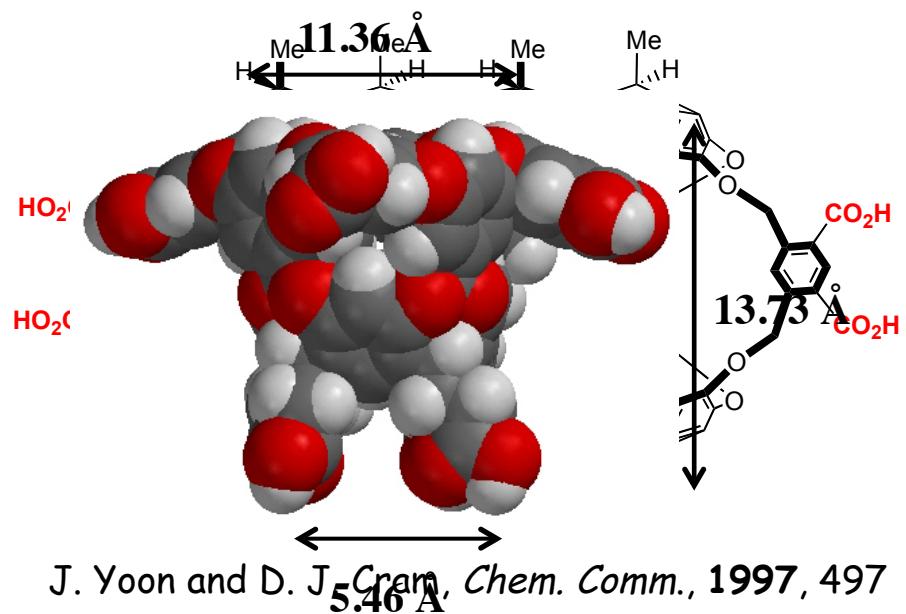


Quadrupole---Quadrupole



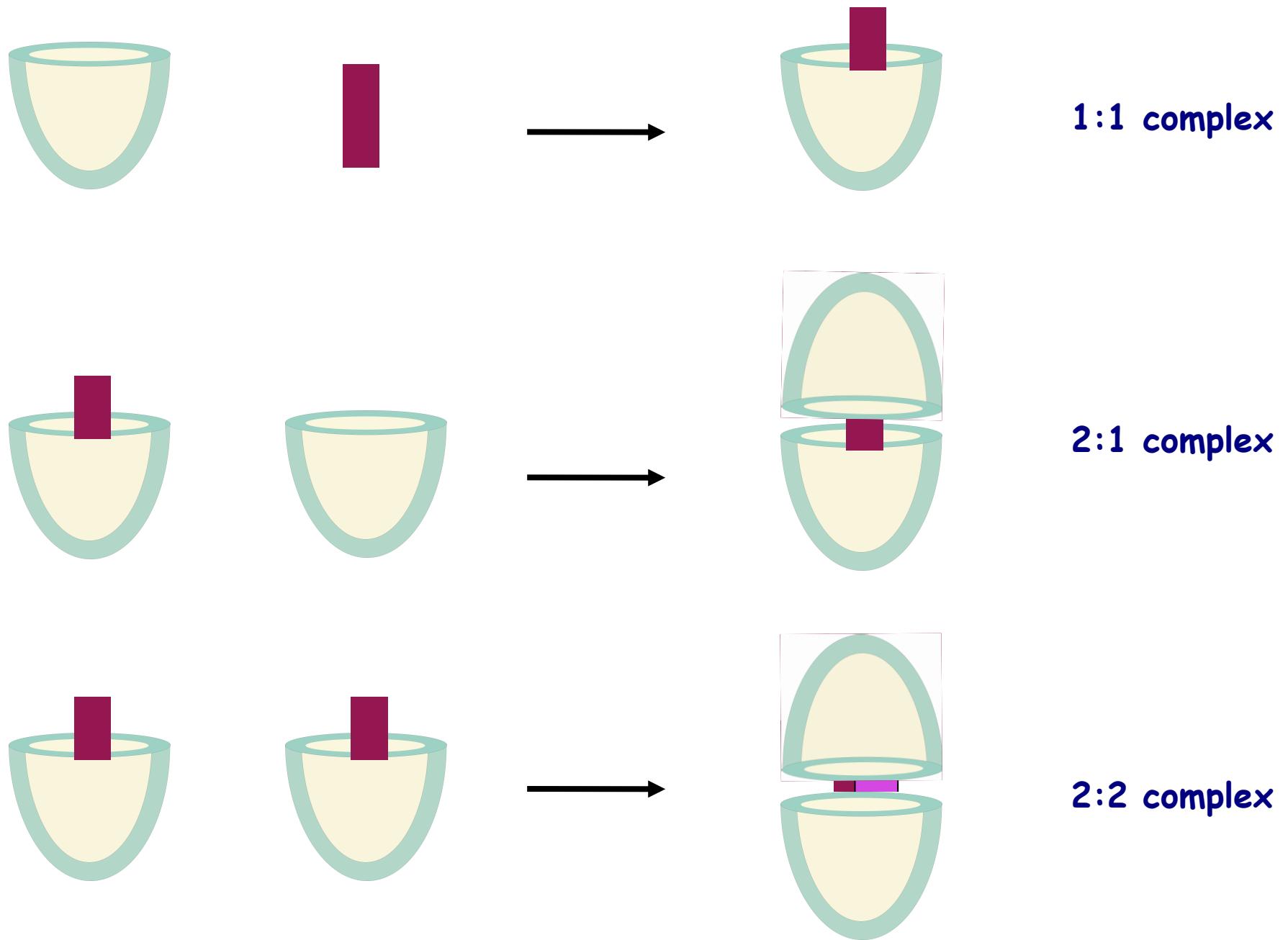
ED = electron donor  
EA = electron acceptor

## Octaacid as a Container

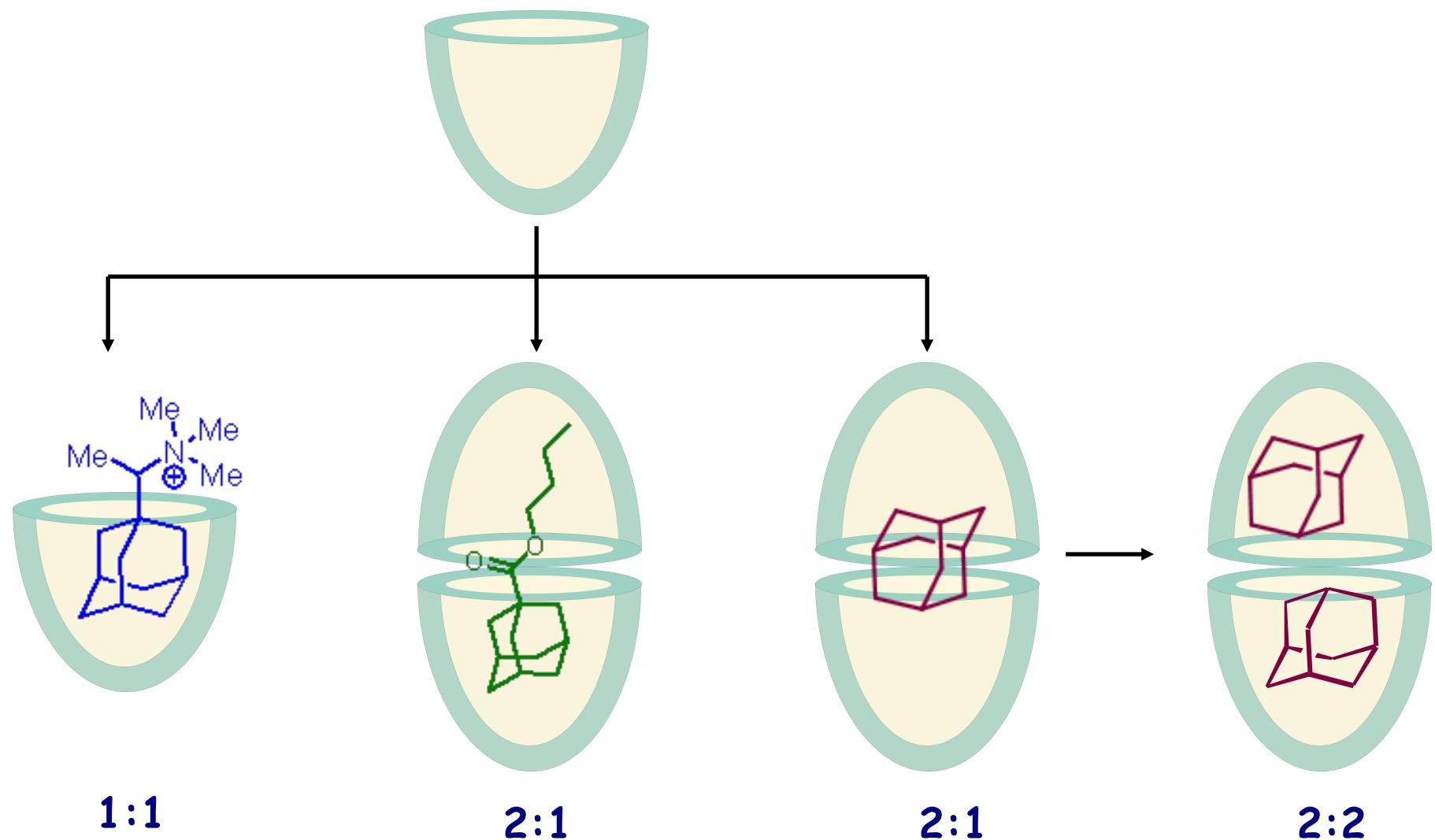


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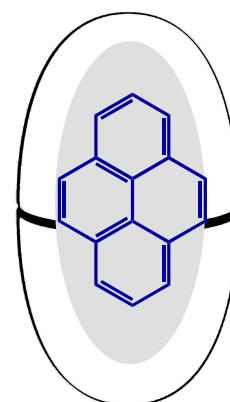
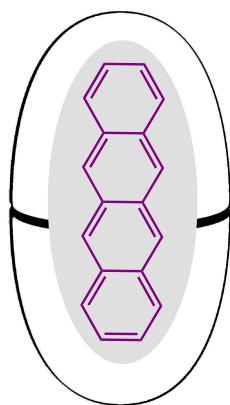
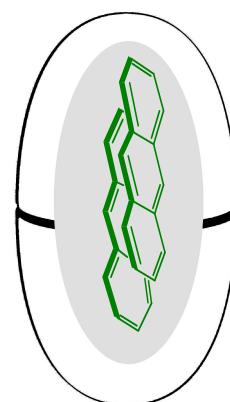
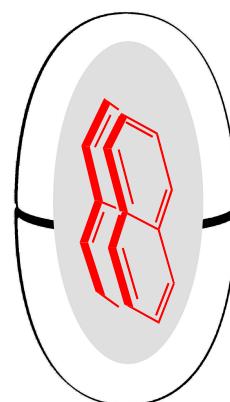
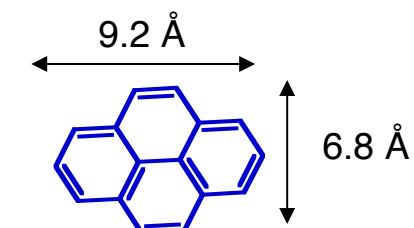
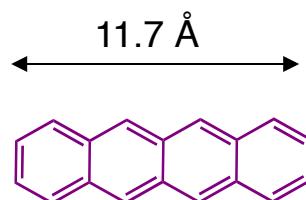
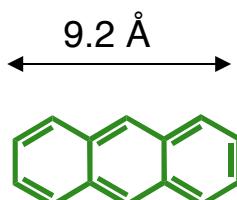
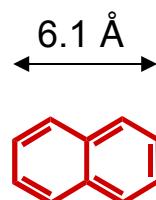
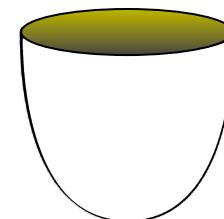
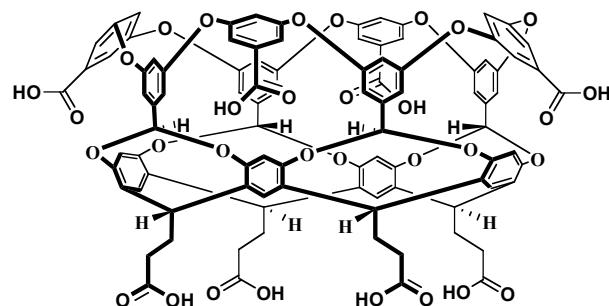
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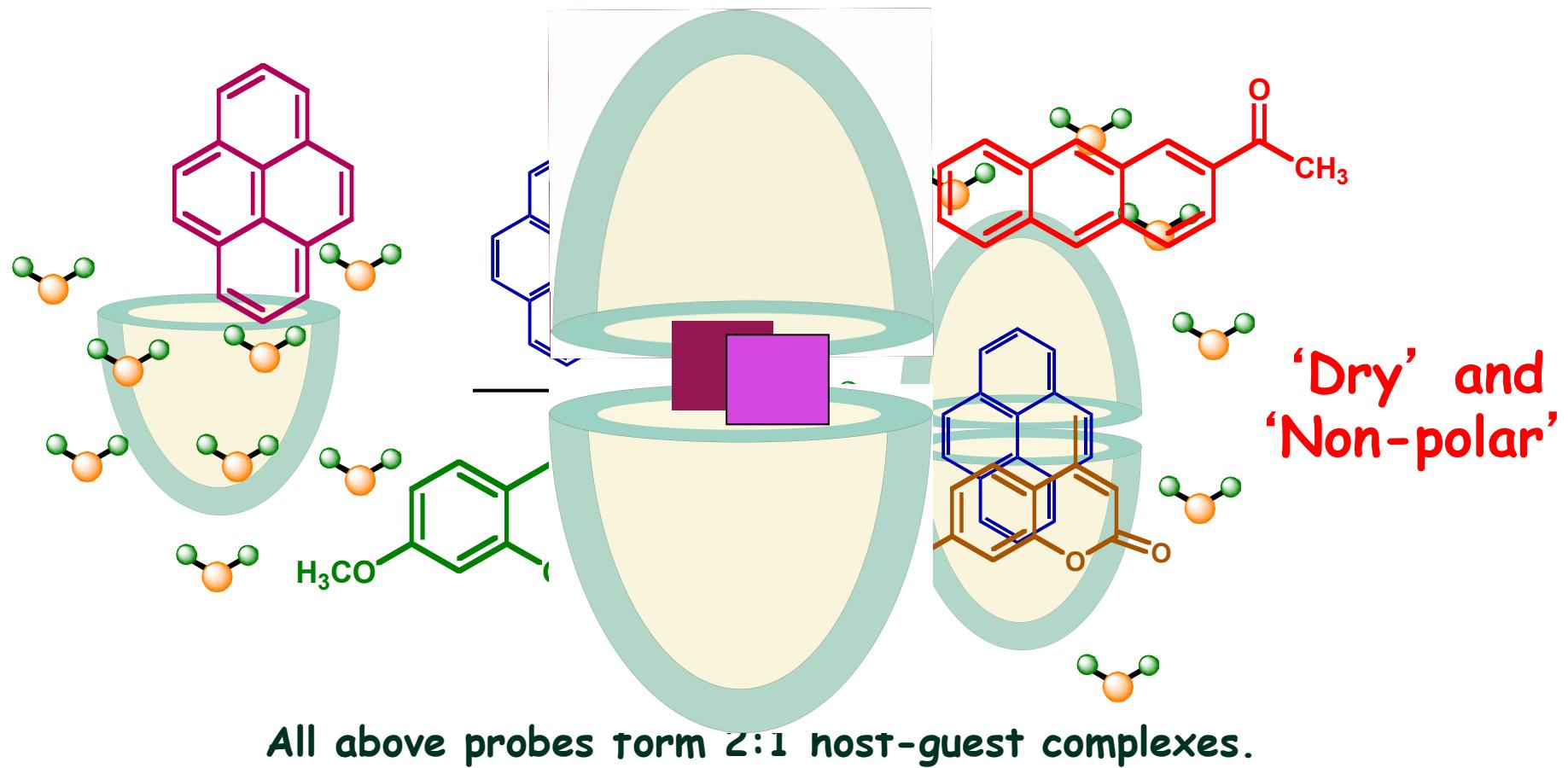
What type of and how many molecules may fit within a OA container?



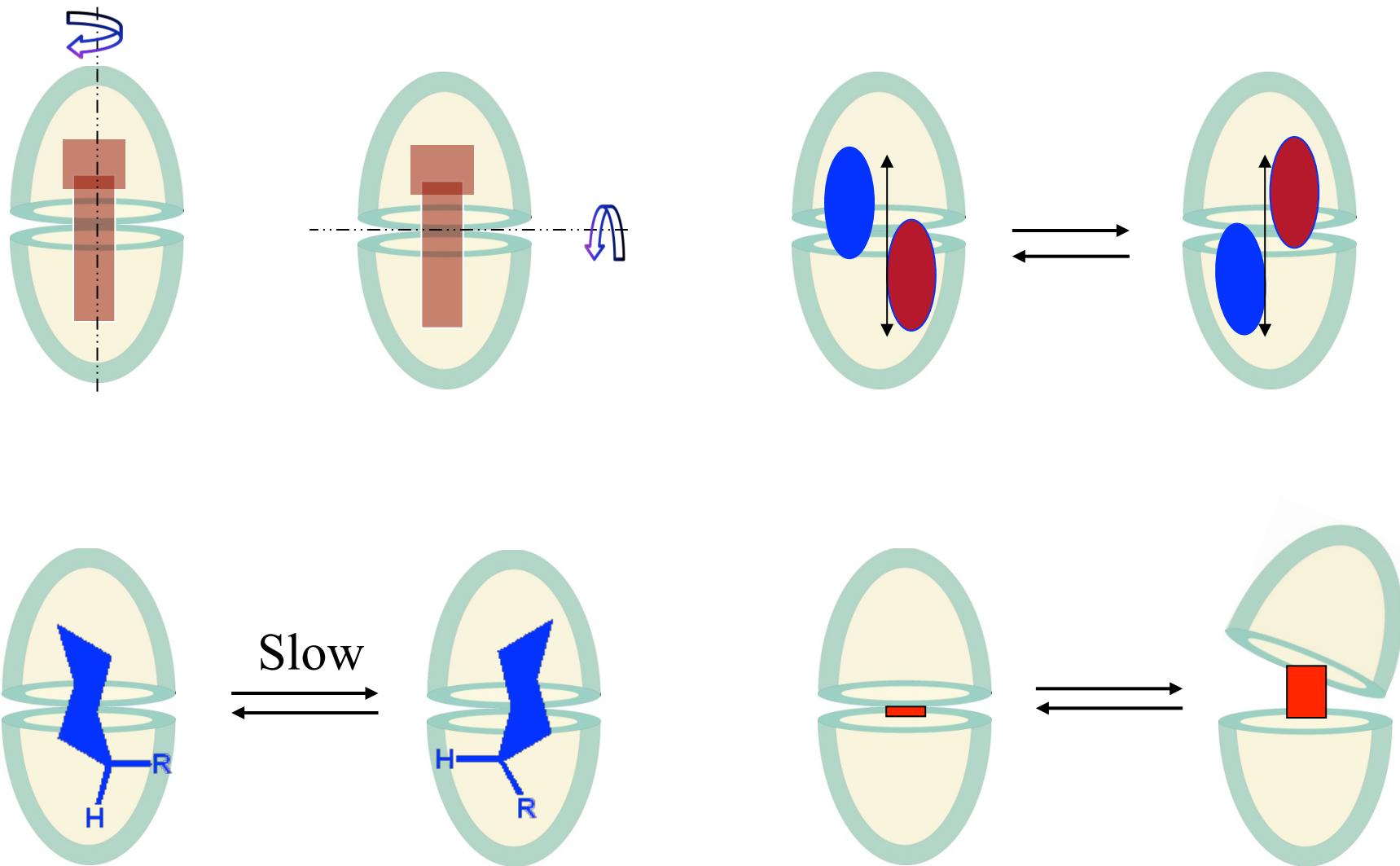
# Encapsulation of aromatics within octa acid



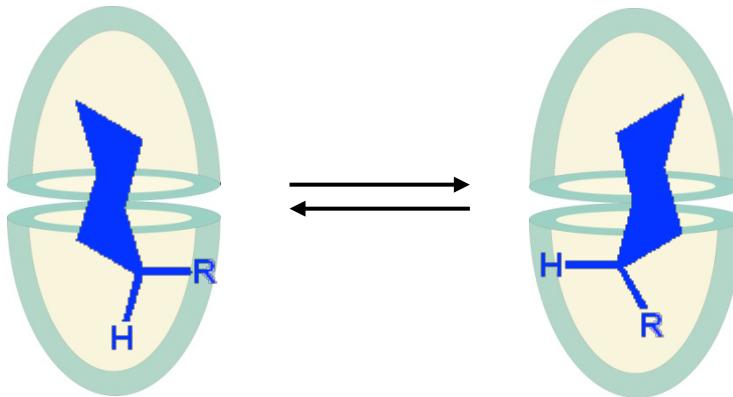
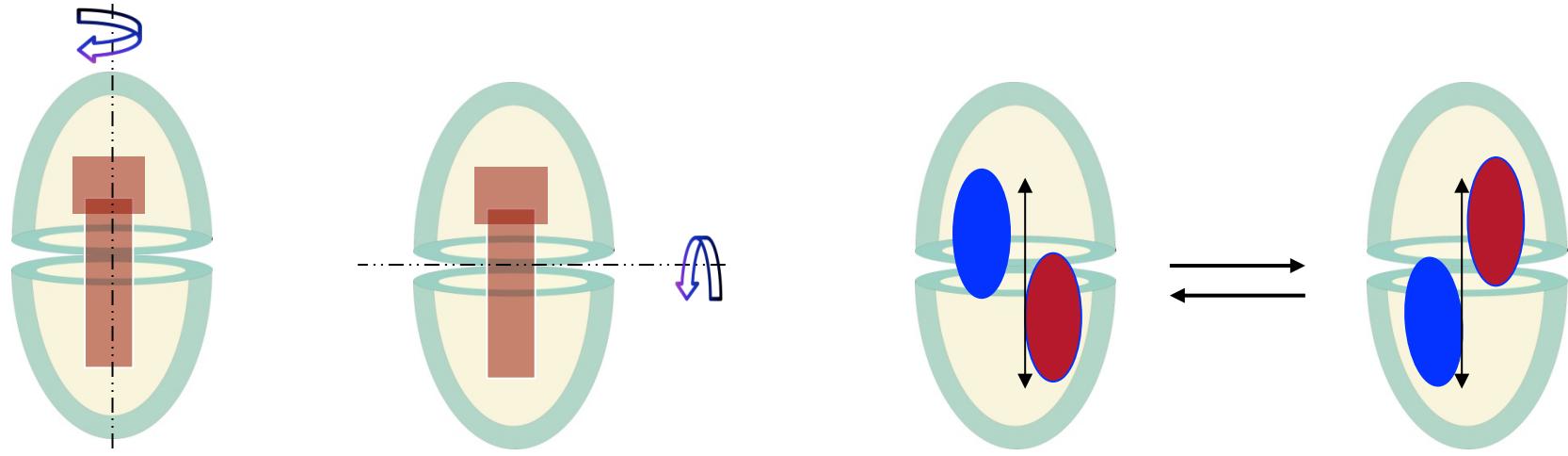
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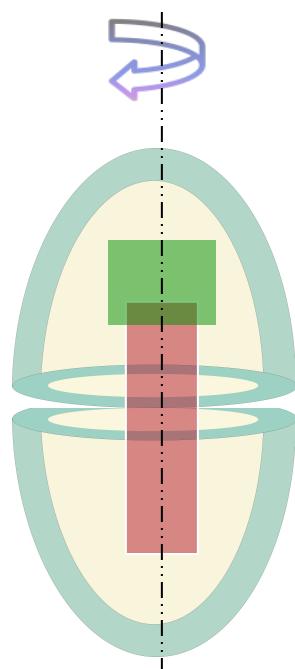
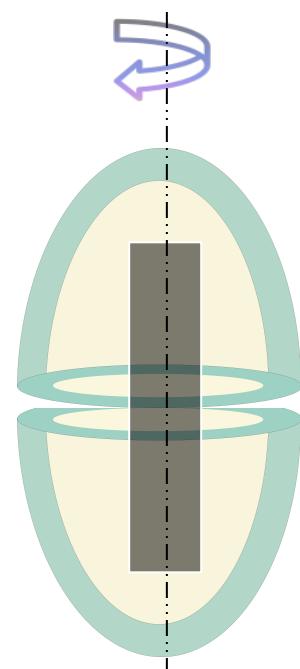
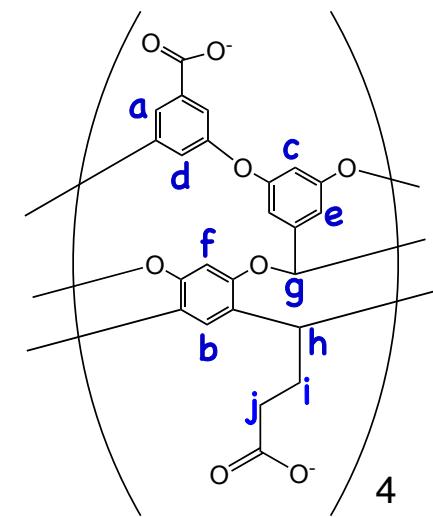
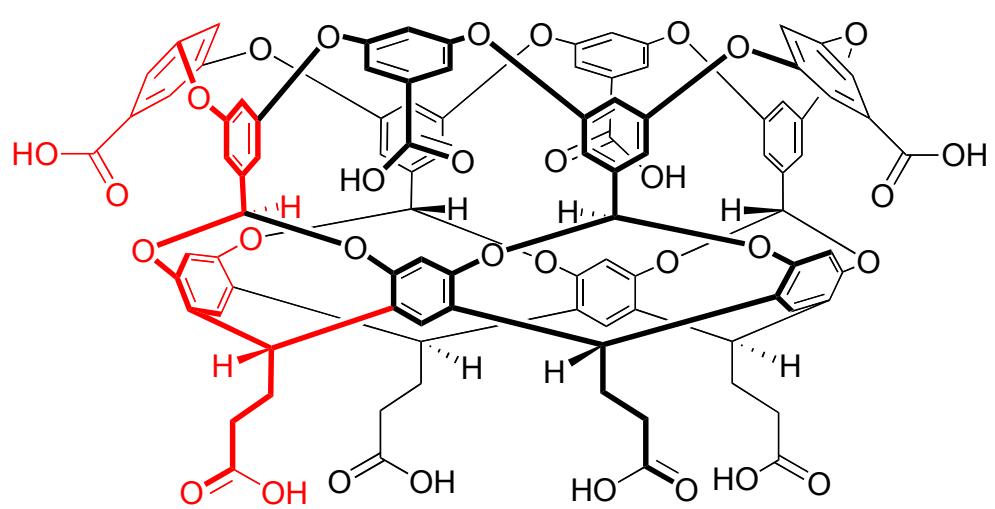


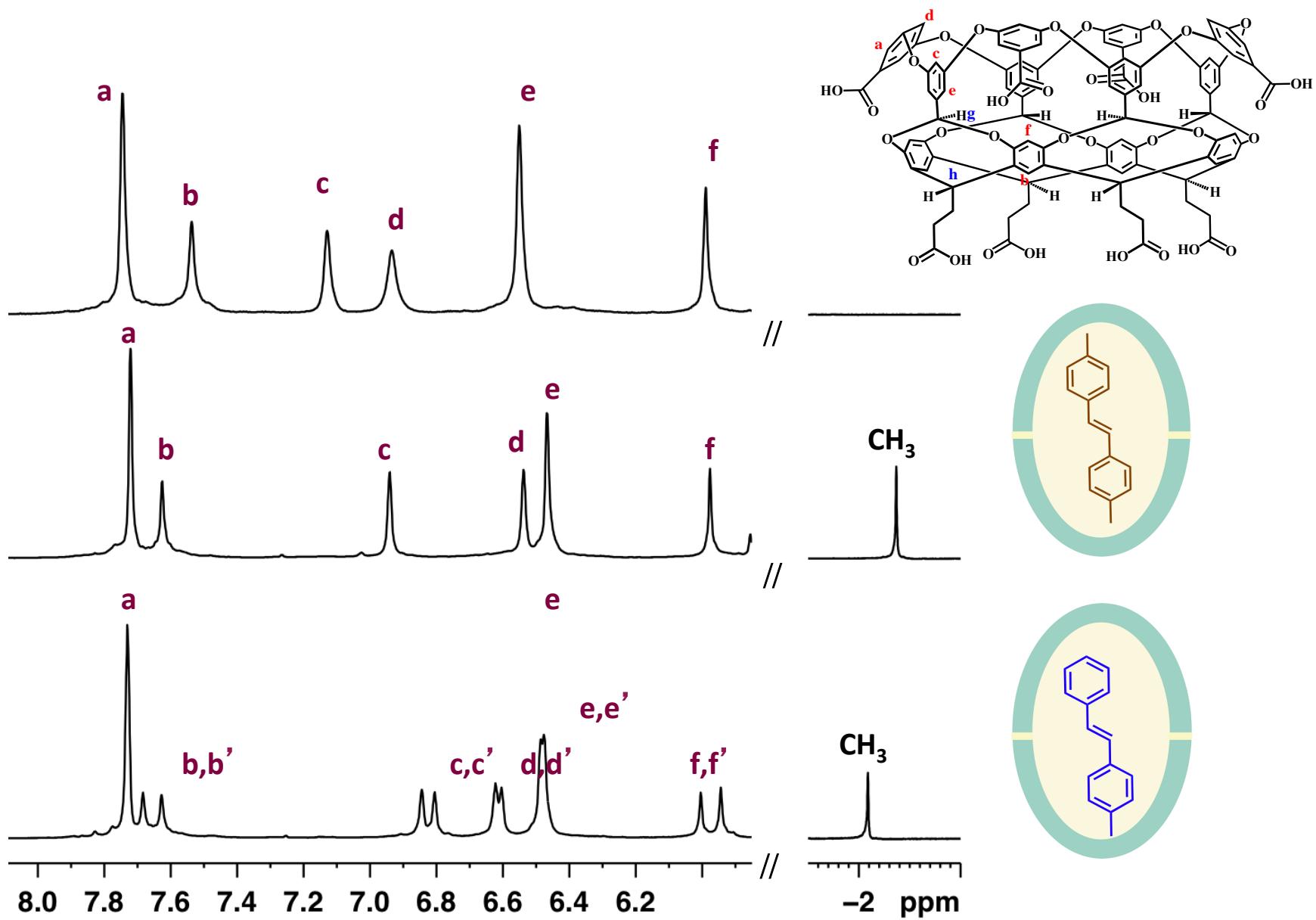
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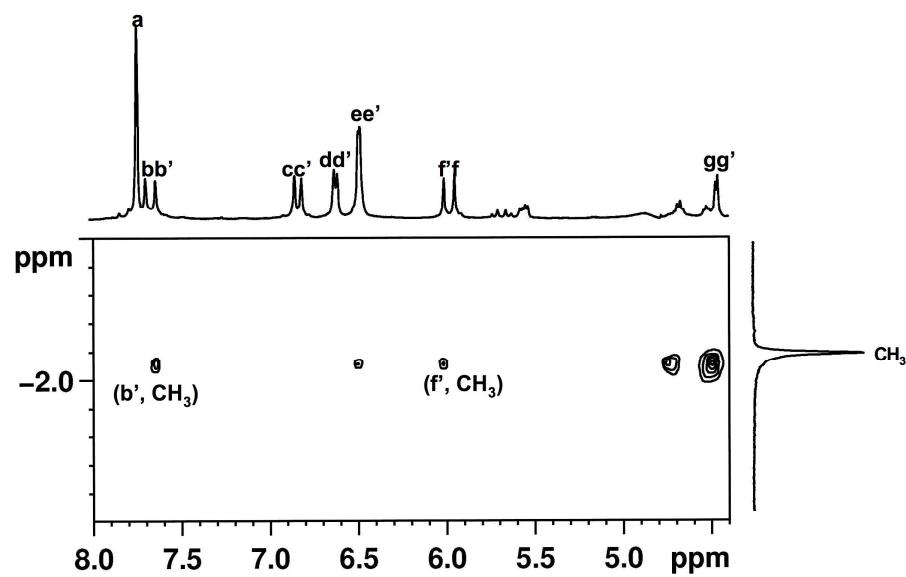
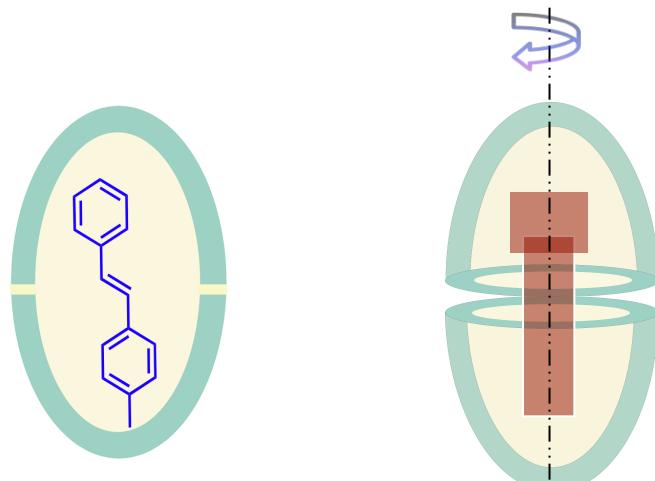
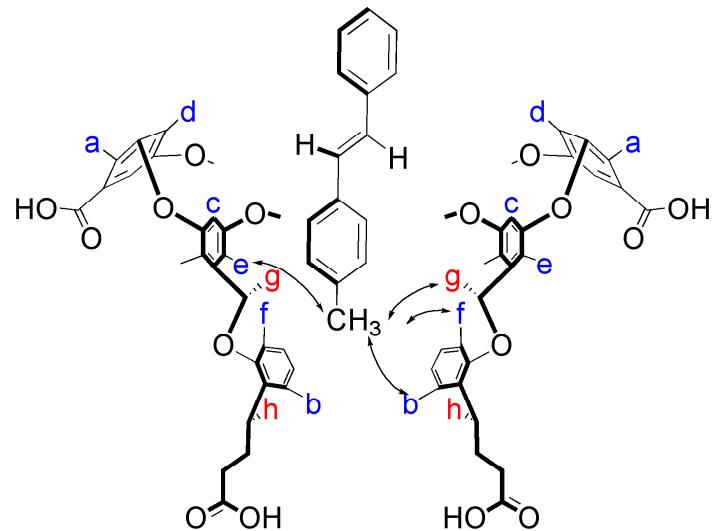


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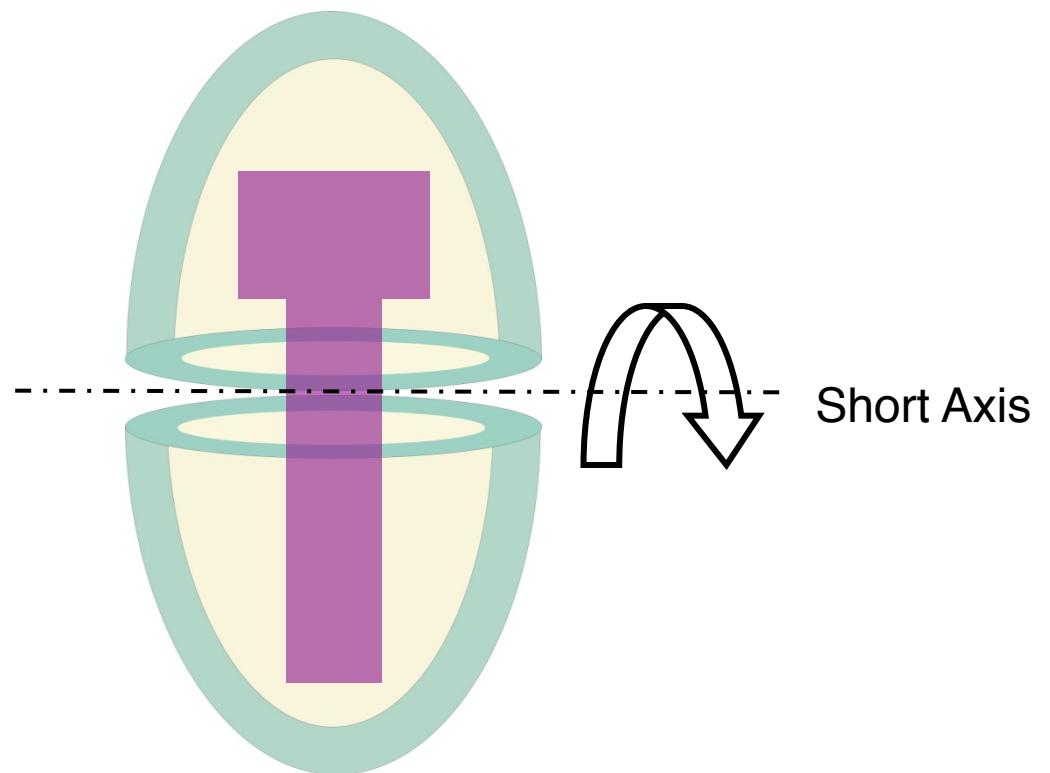
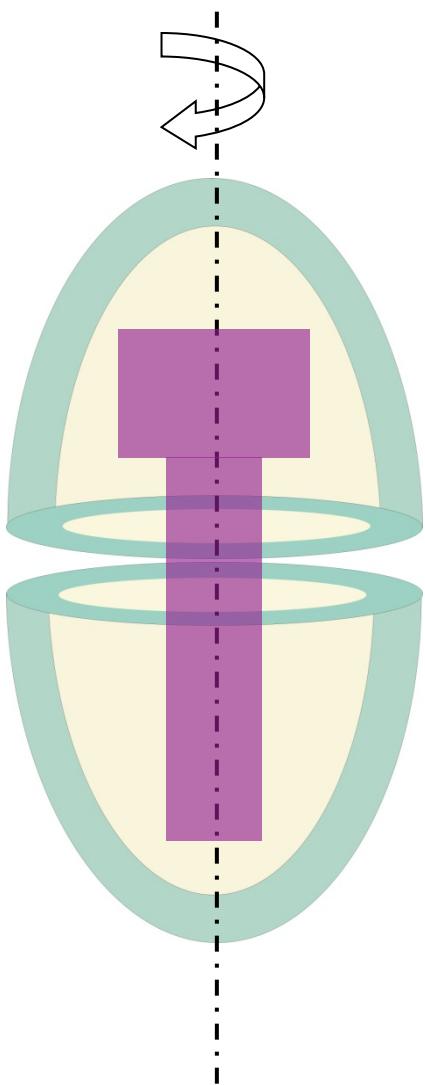


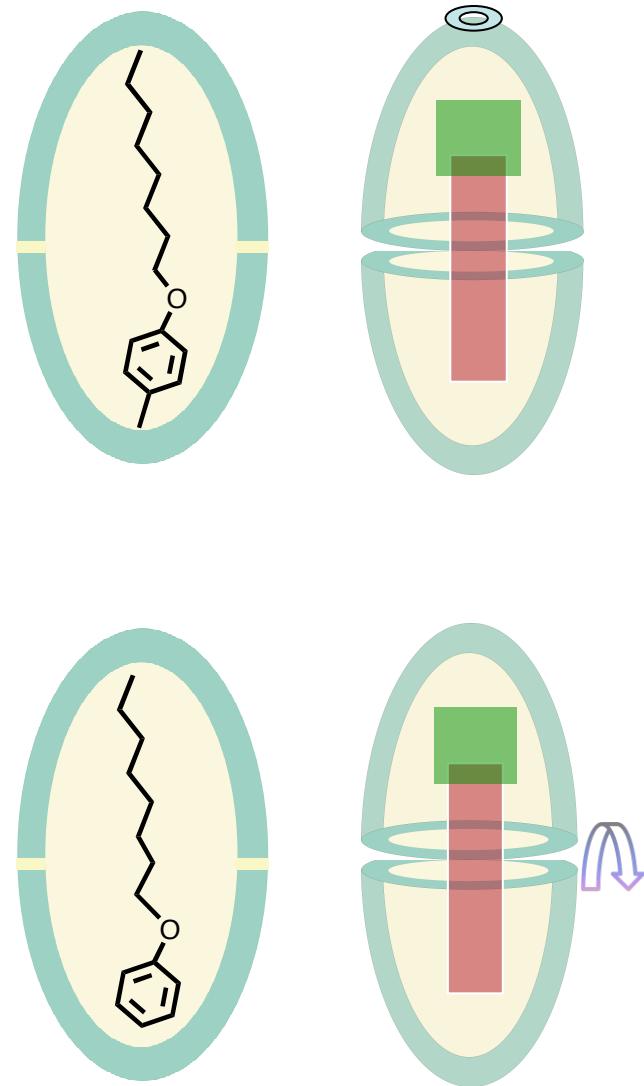
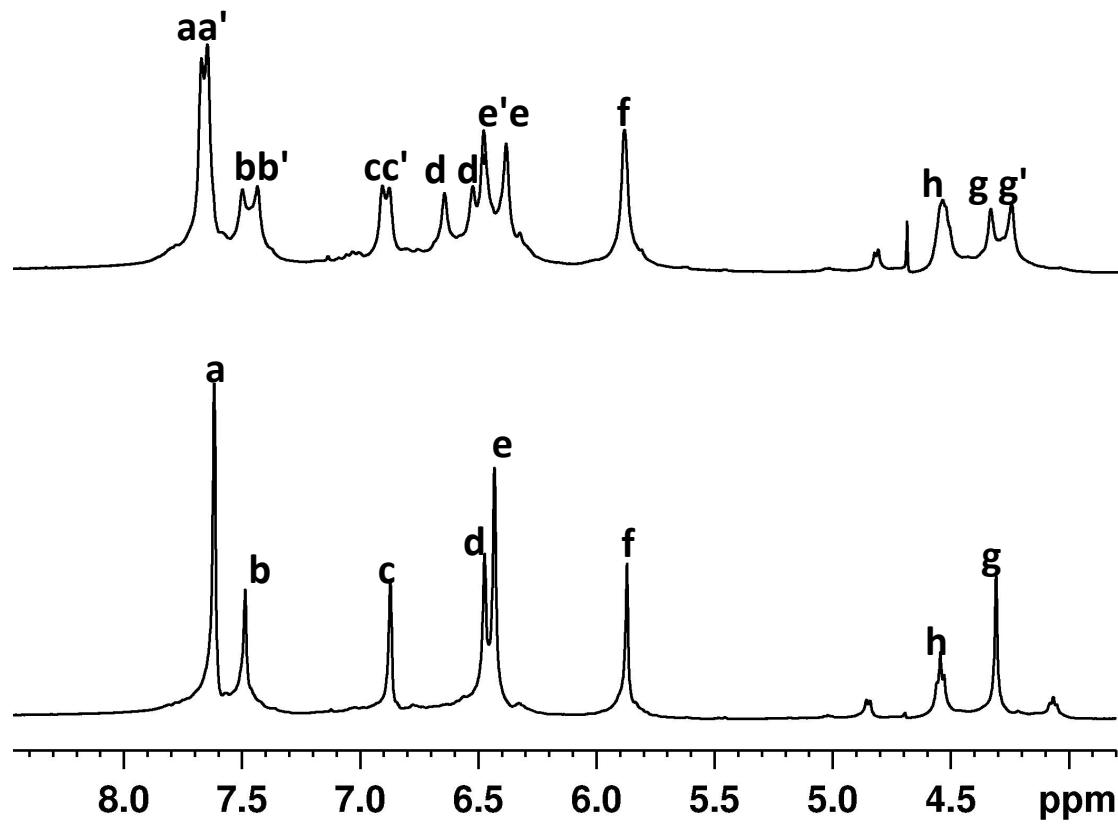






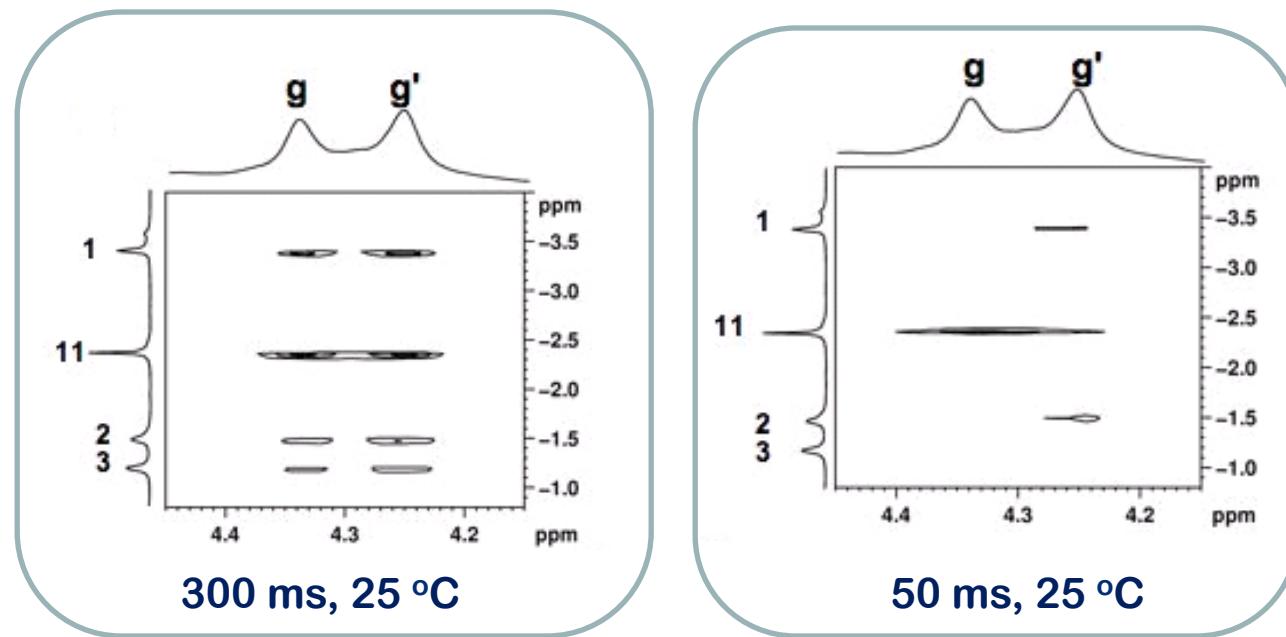
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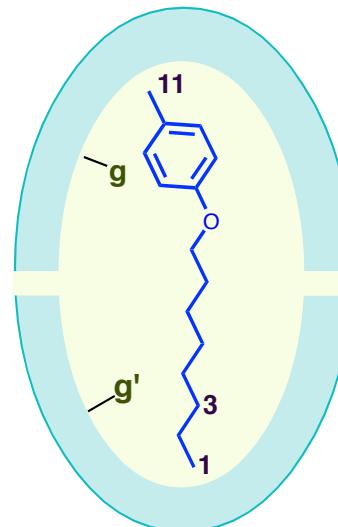
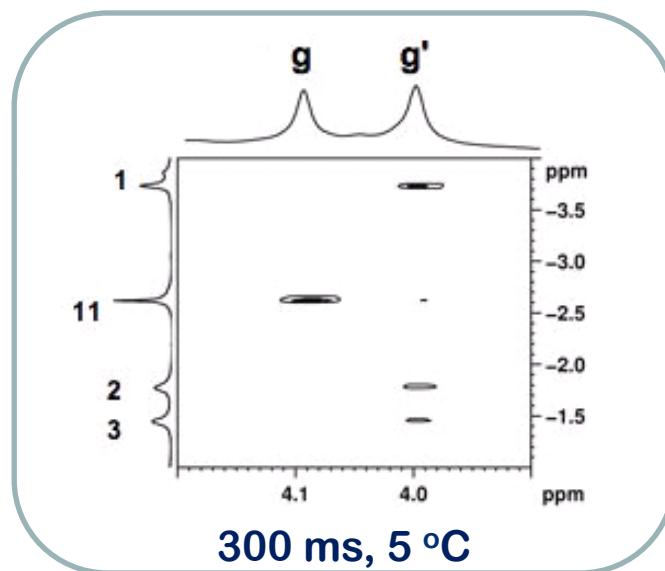


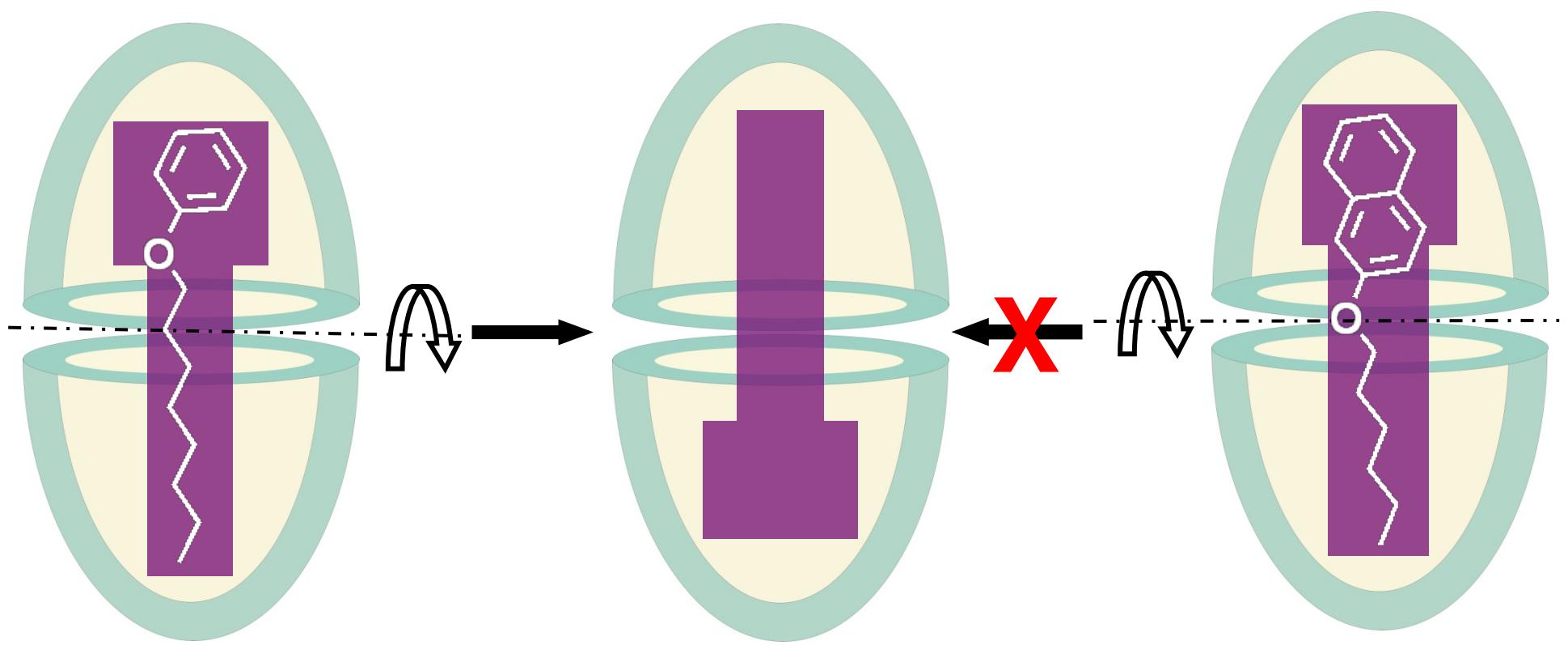
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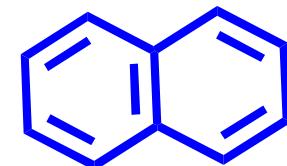
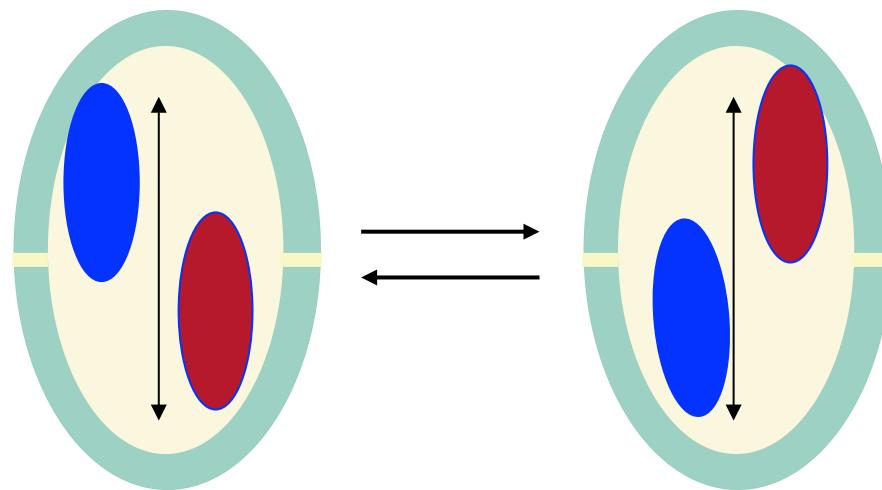
Variation of Mixing time



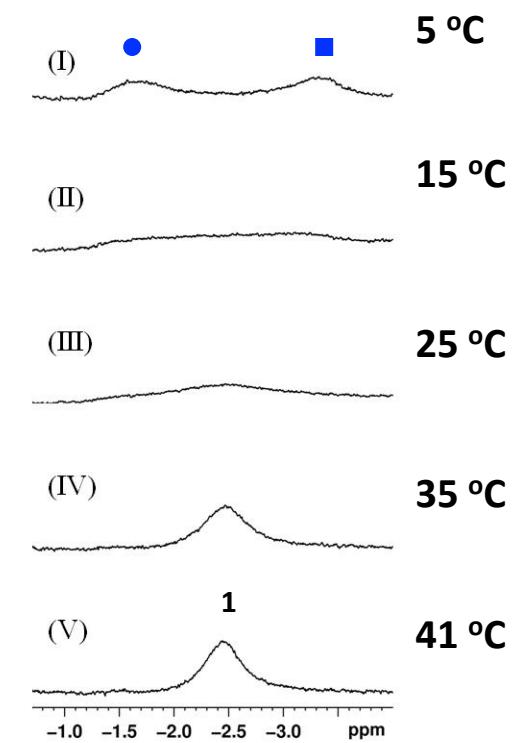
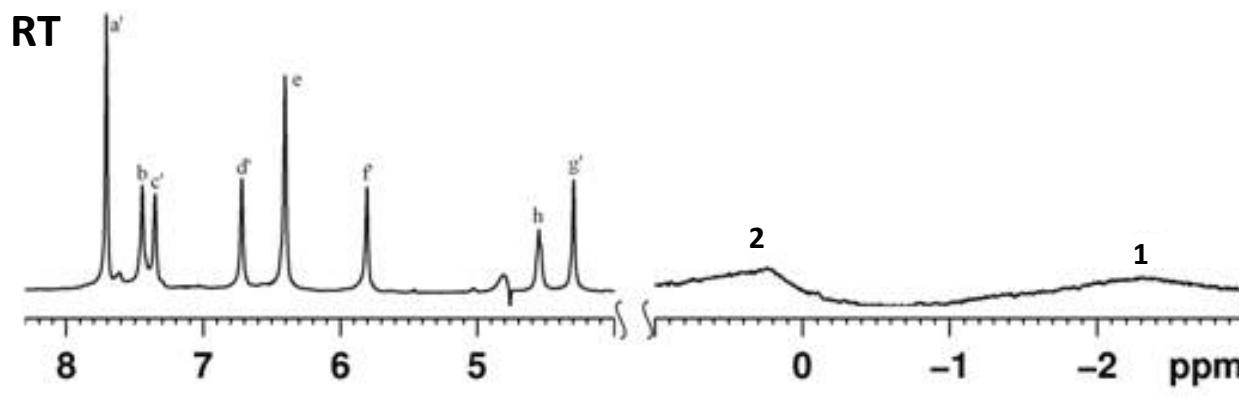
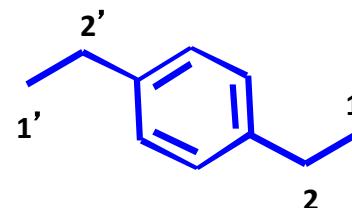
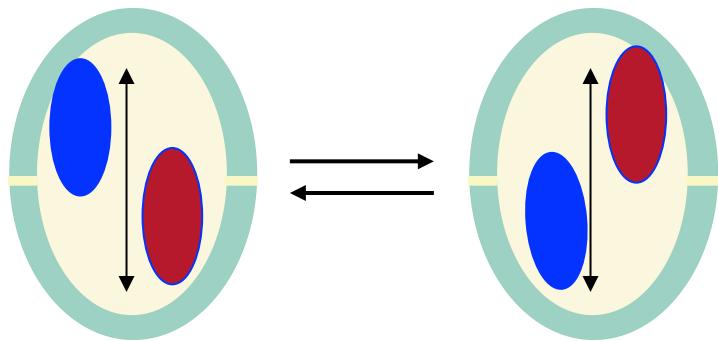
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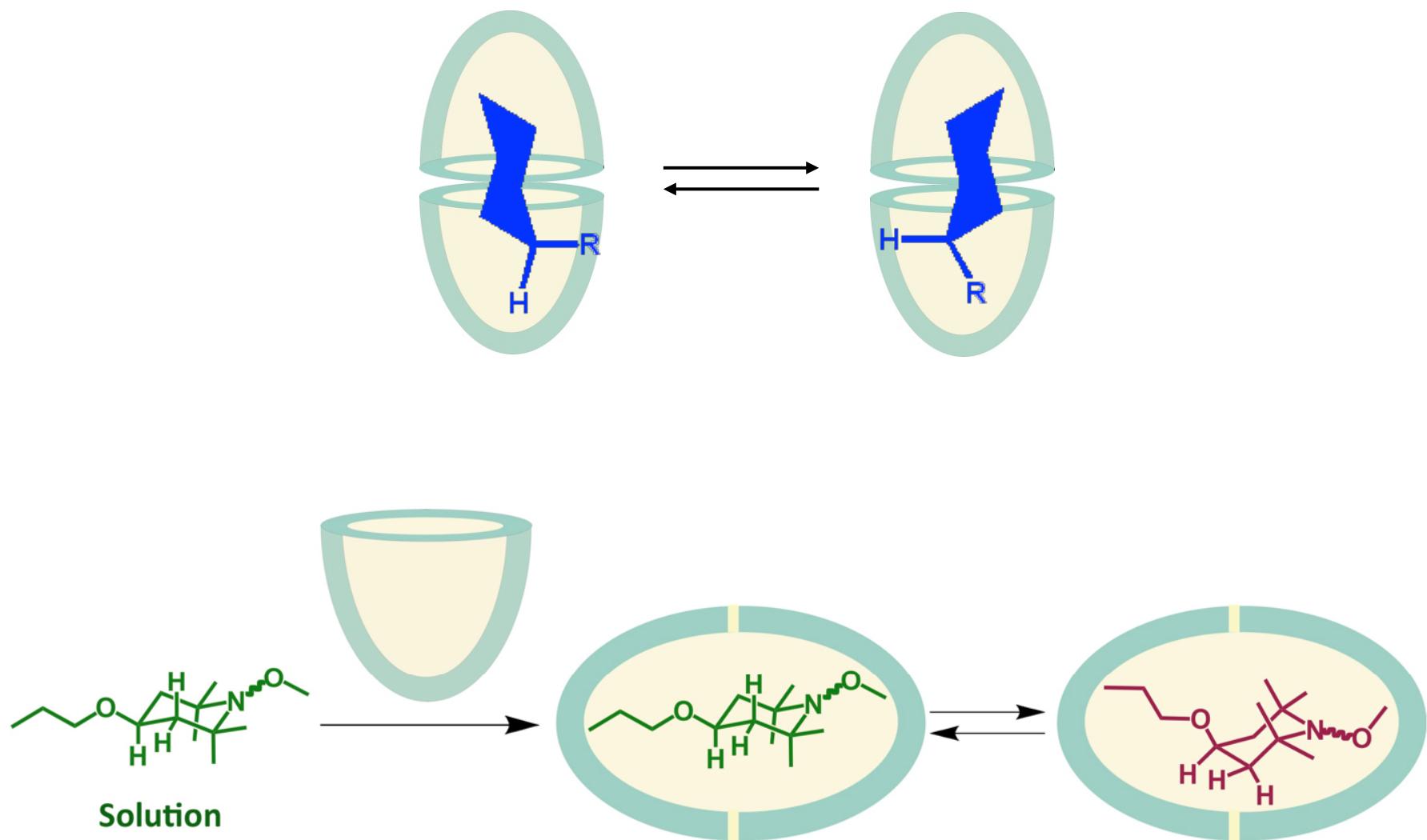


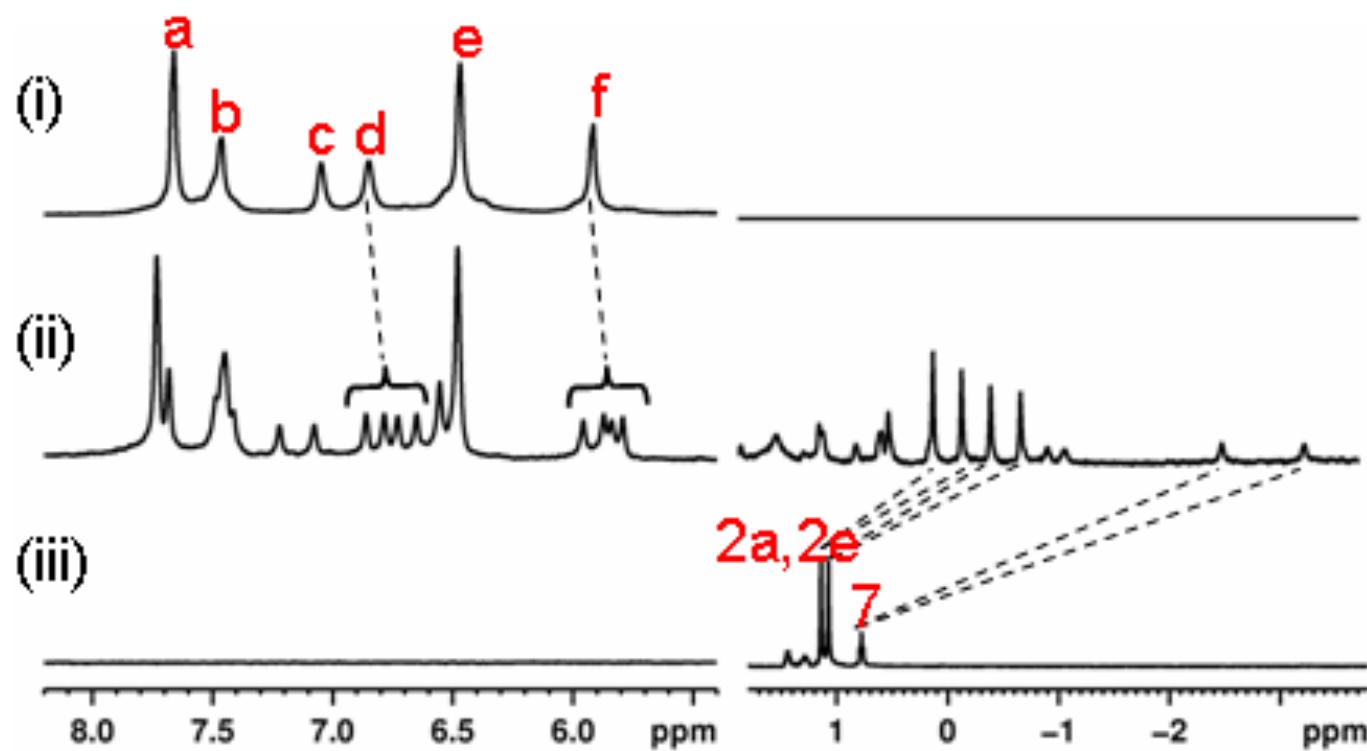
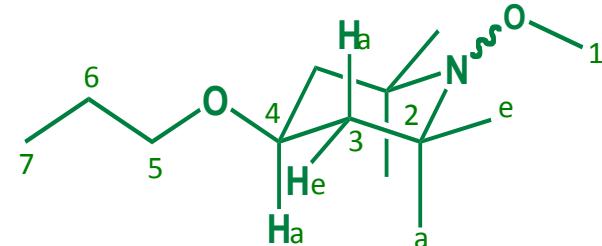
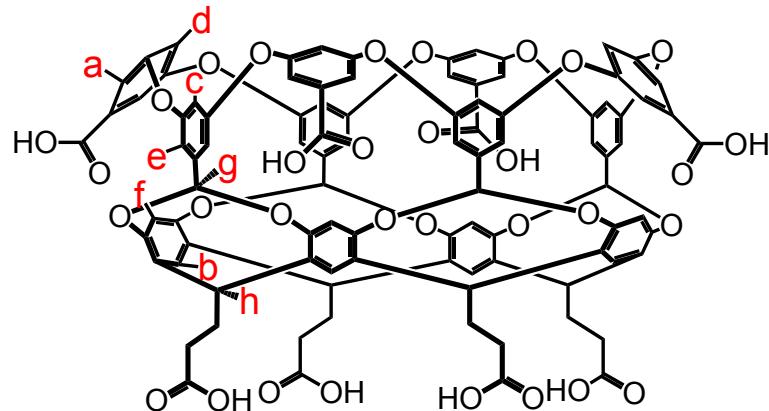


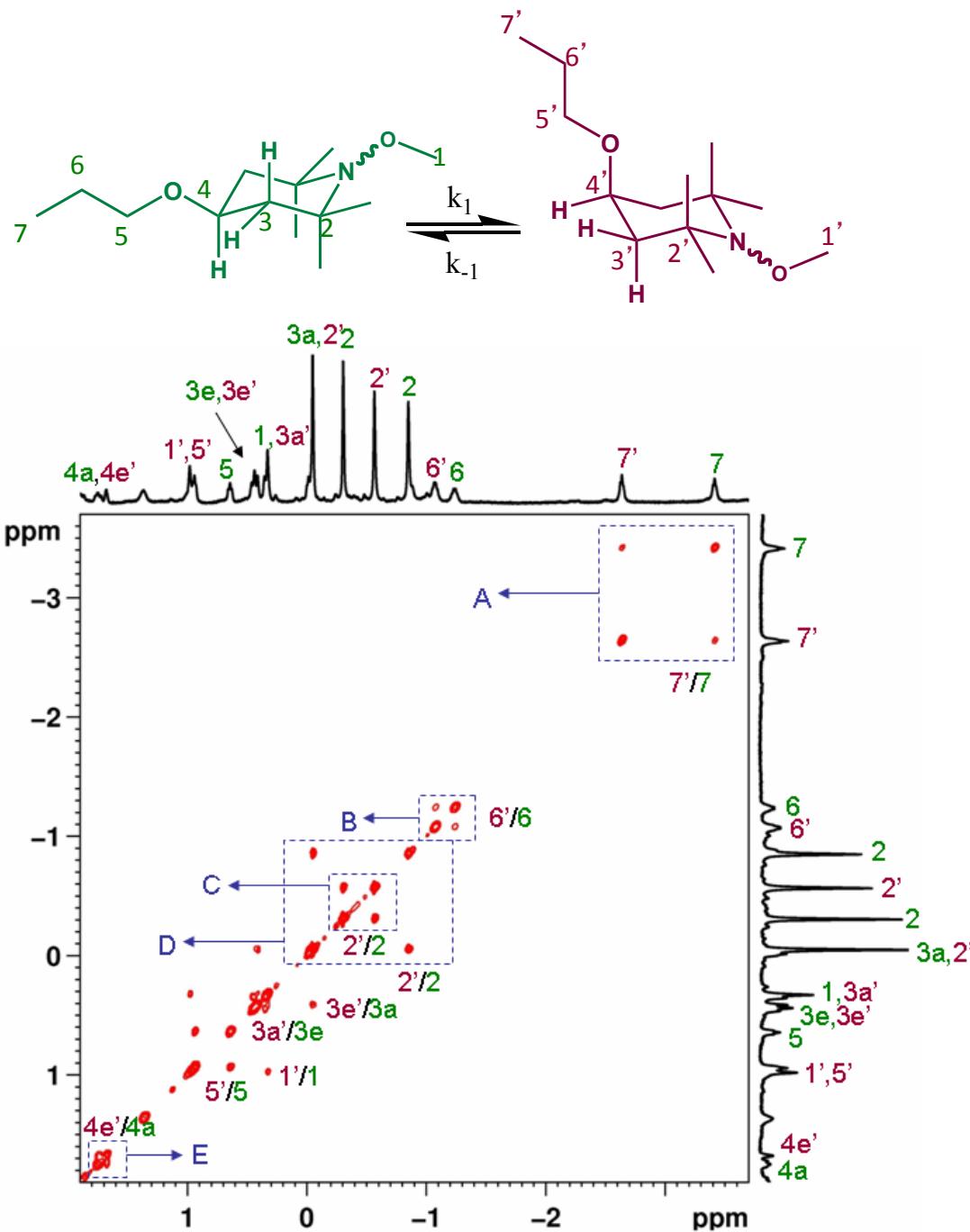


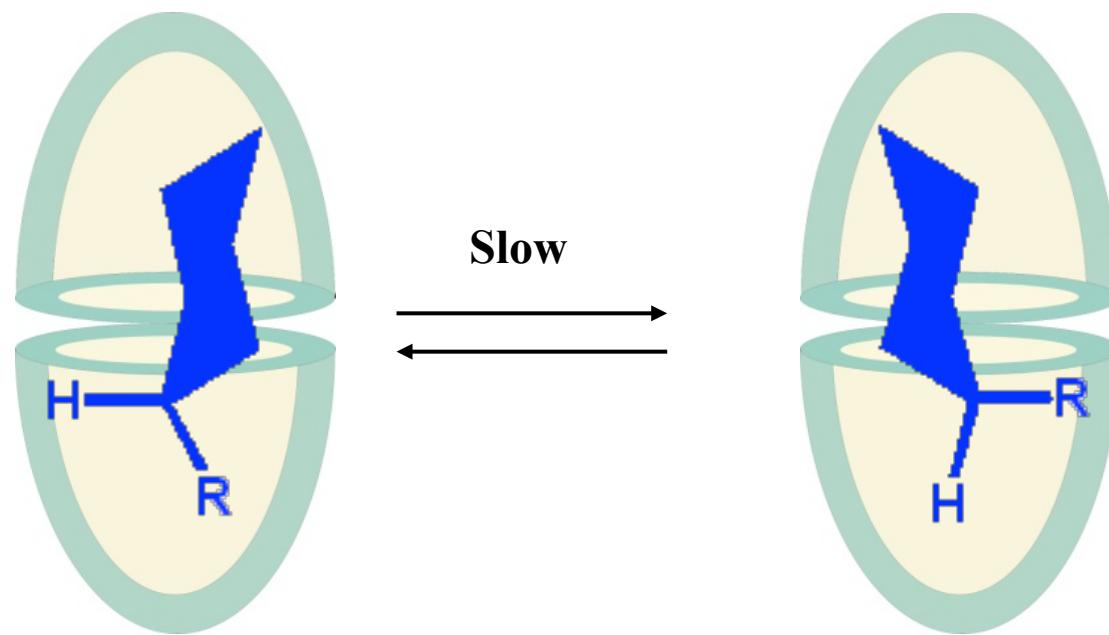
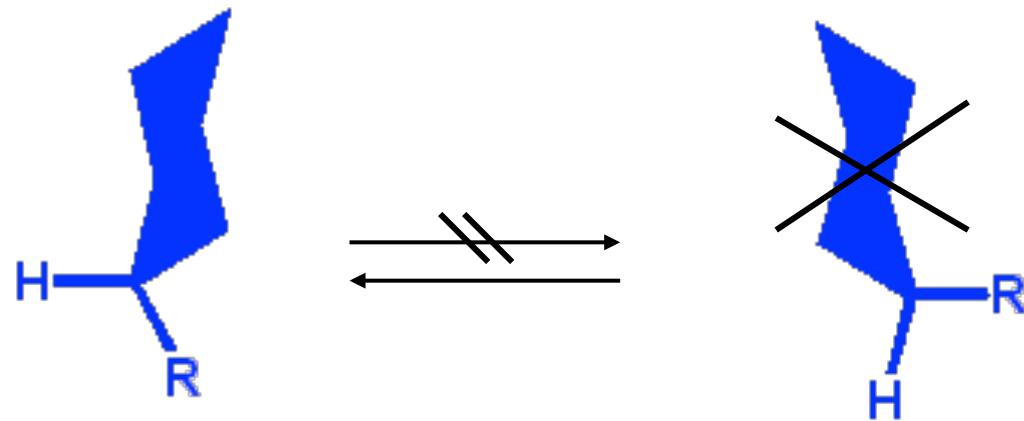
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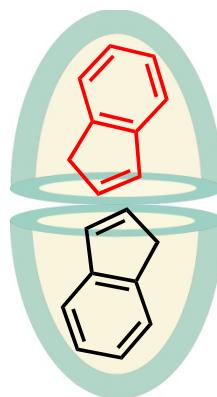
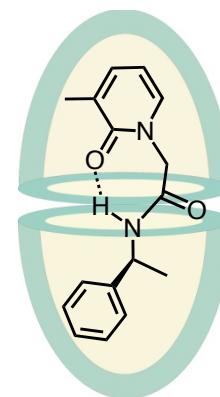
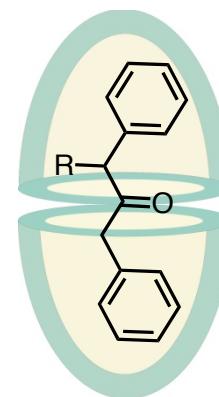
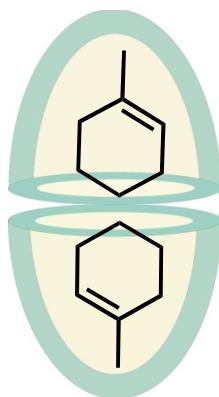
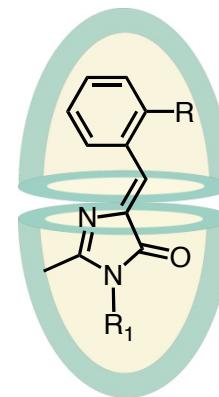
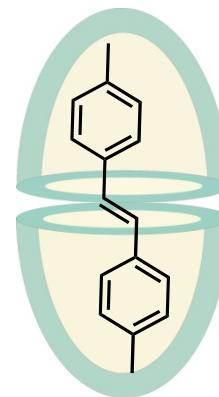
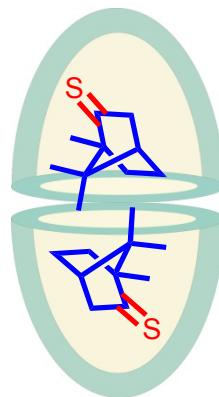
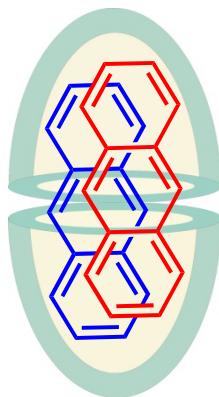




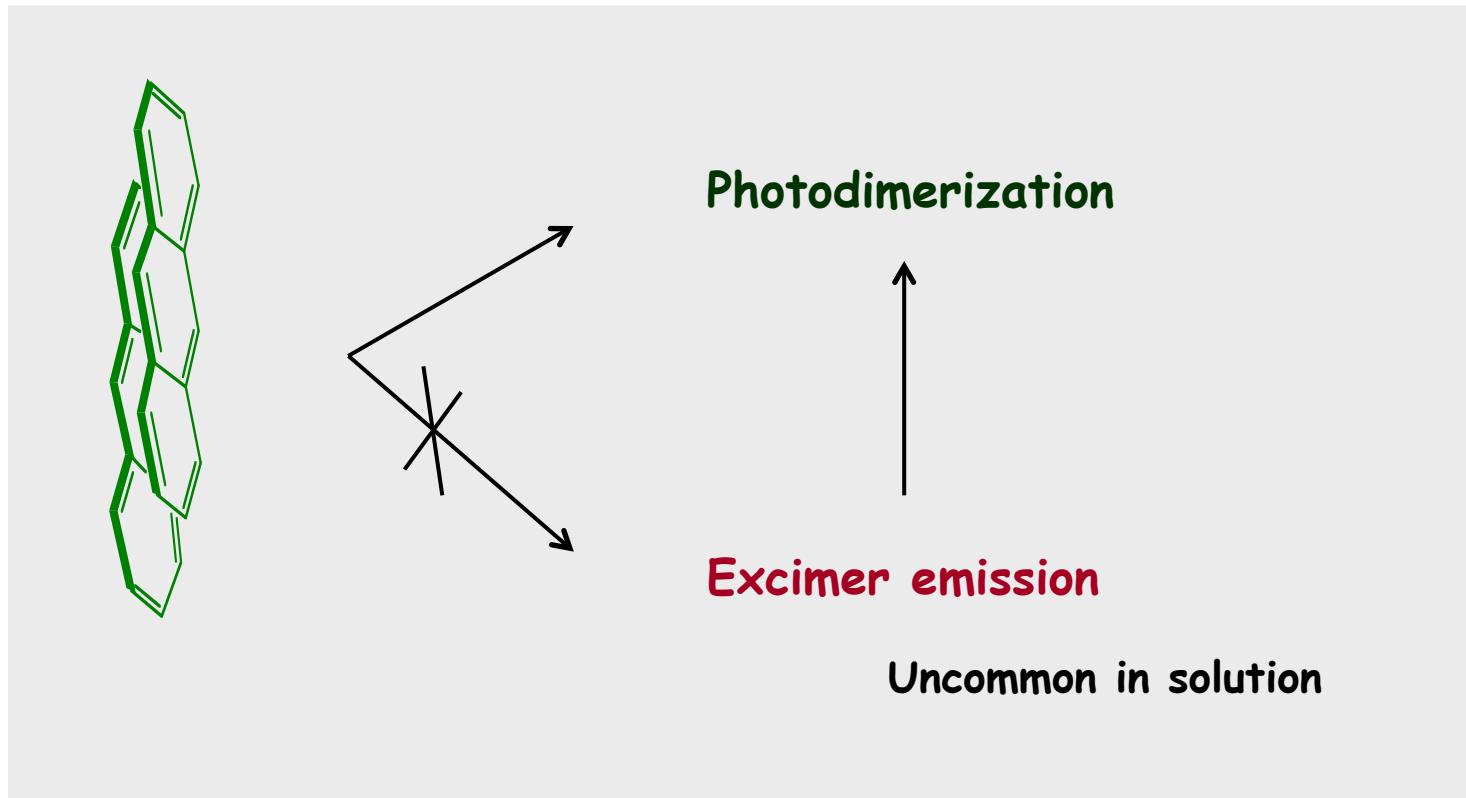




# Manipulating photophysics and photochemistry through confinement

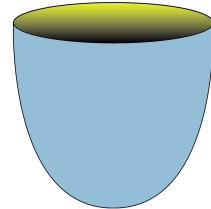


# Photochemistry and Photophysics of Anthracene



# OA-anthracene complex

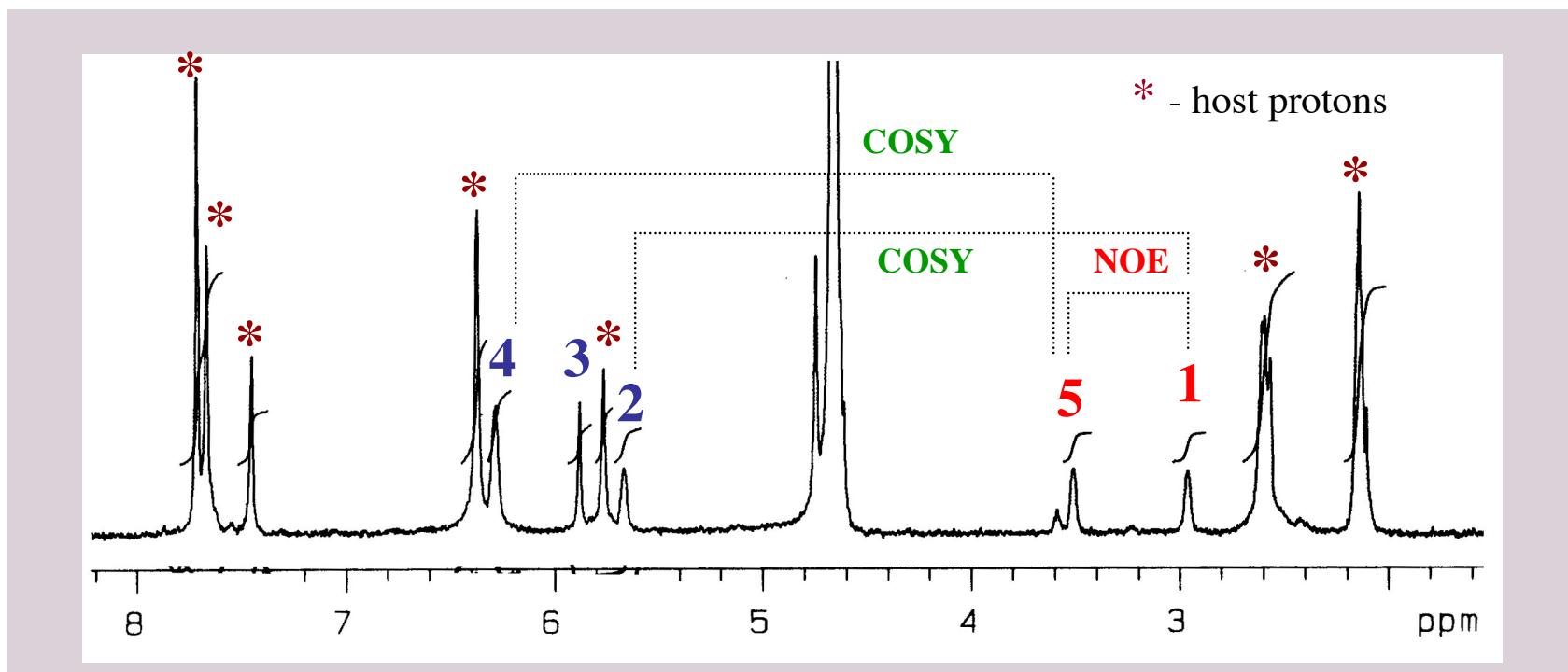
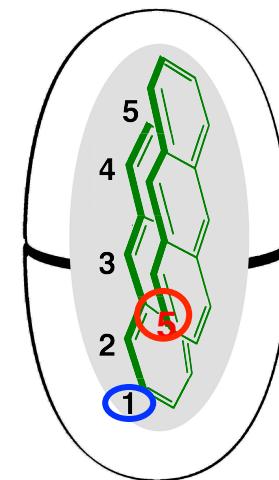
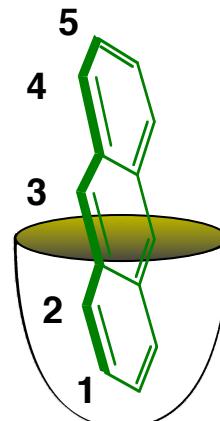
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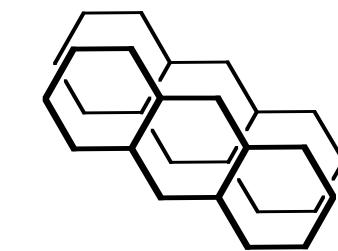
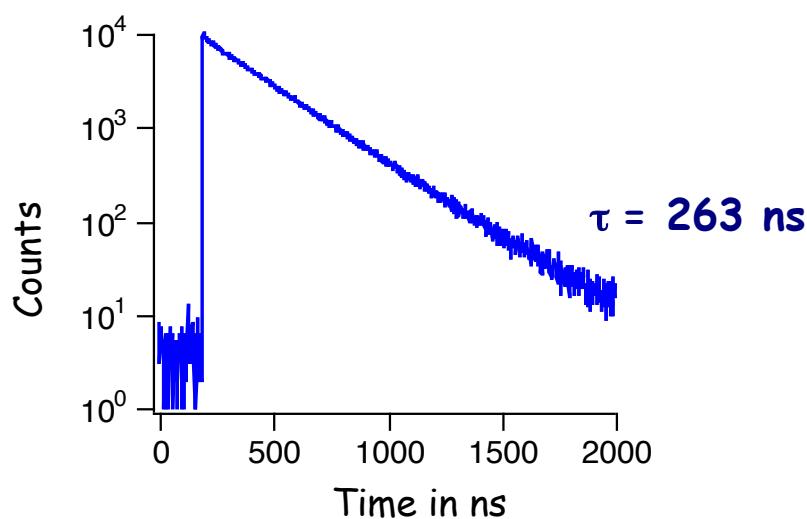
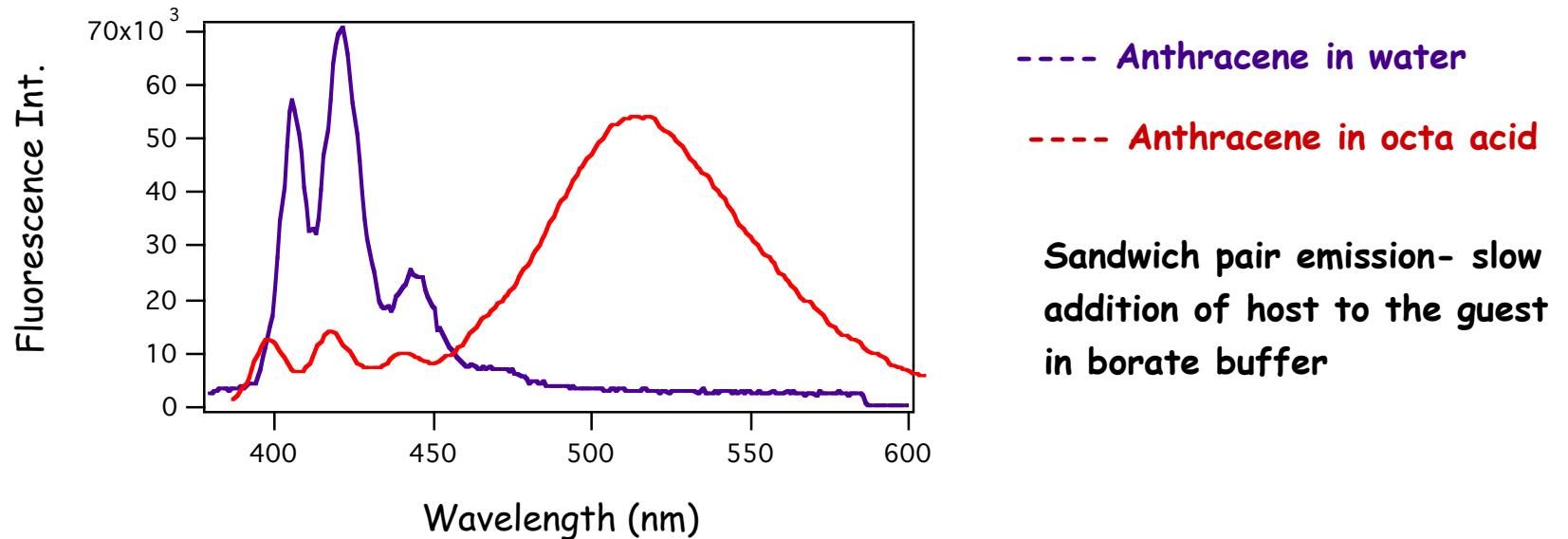
Anthracene



Five Signals

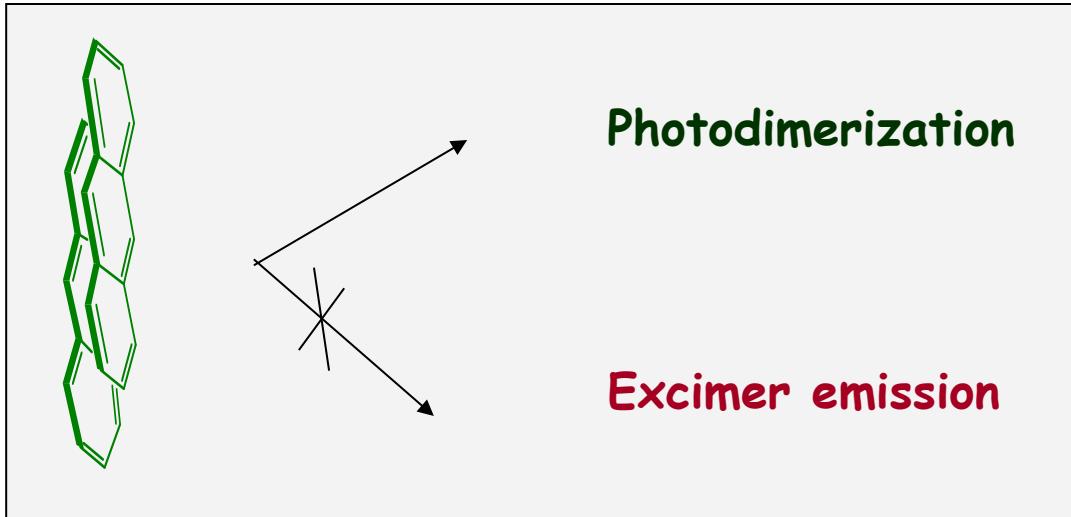


# Photophysics of OA-Anthracene Complex

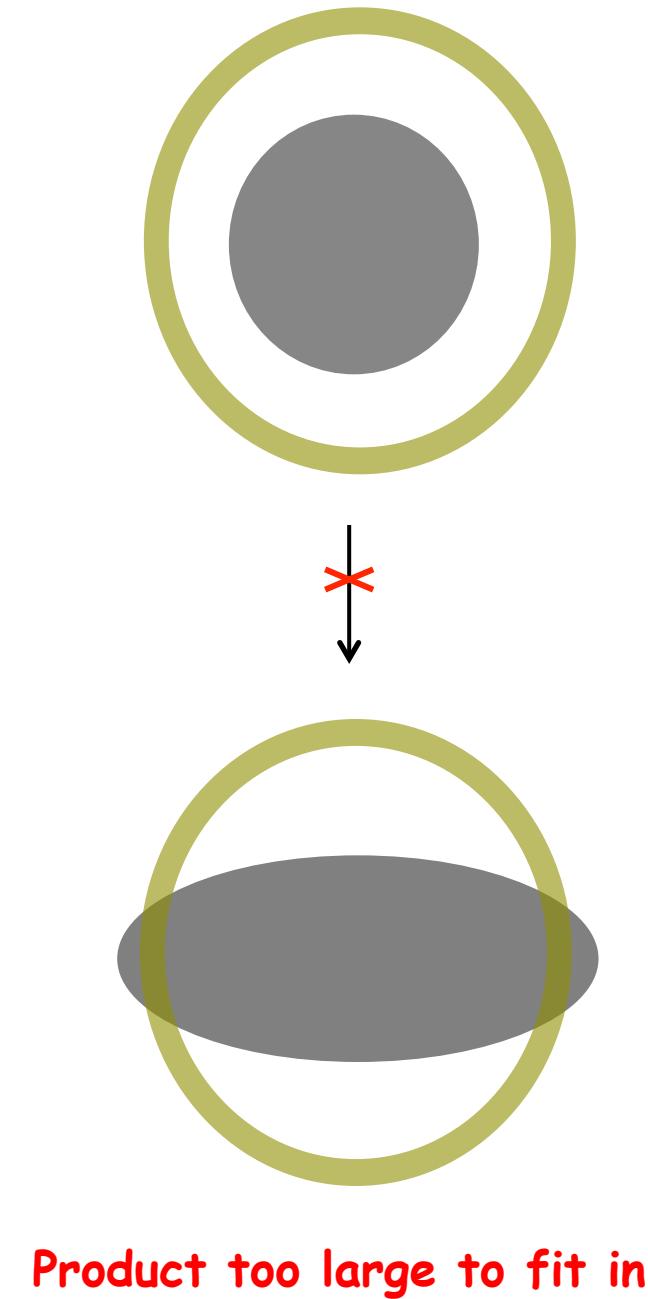
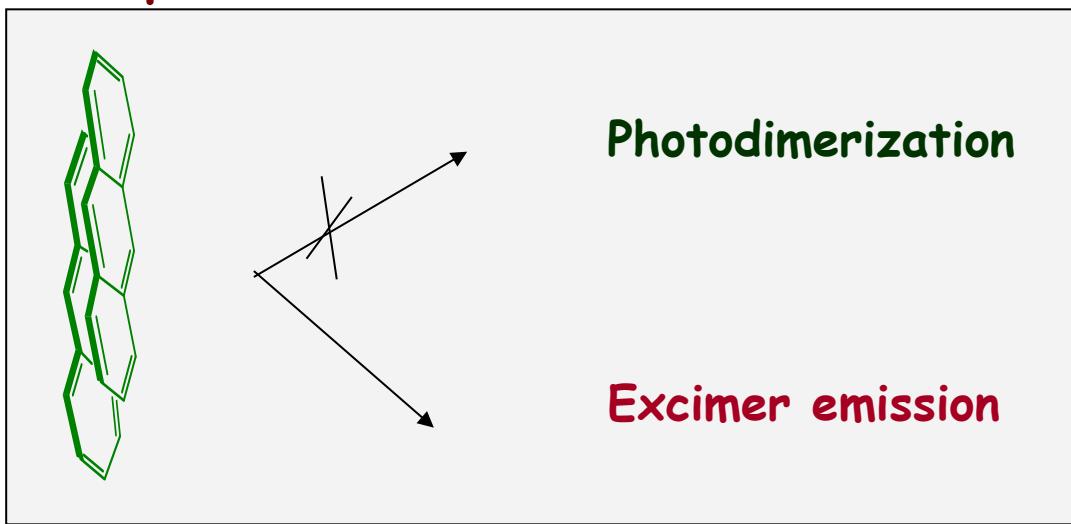


Sandwich excimer -  $\tau$  210 - 225 ns

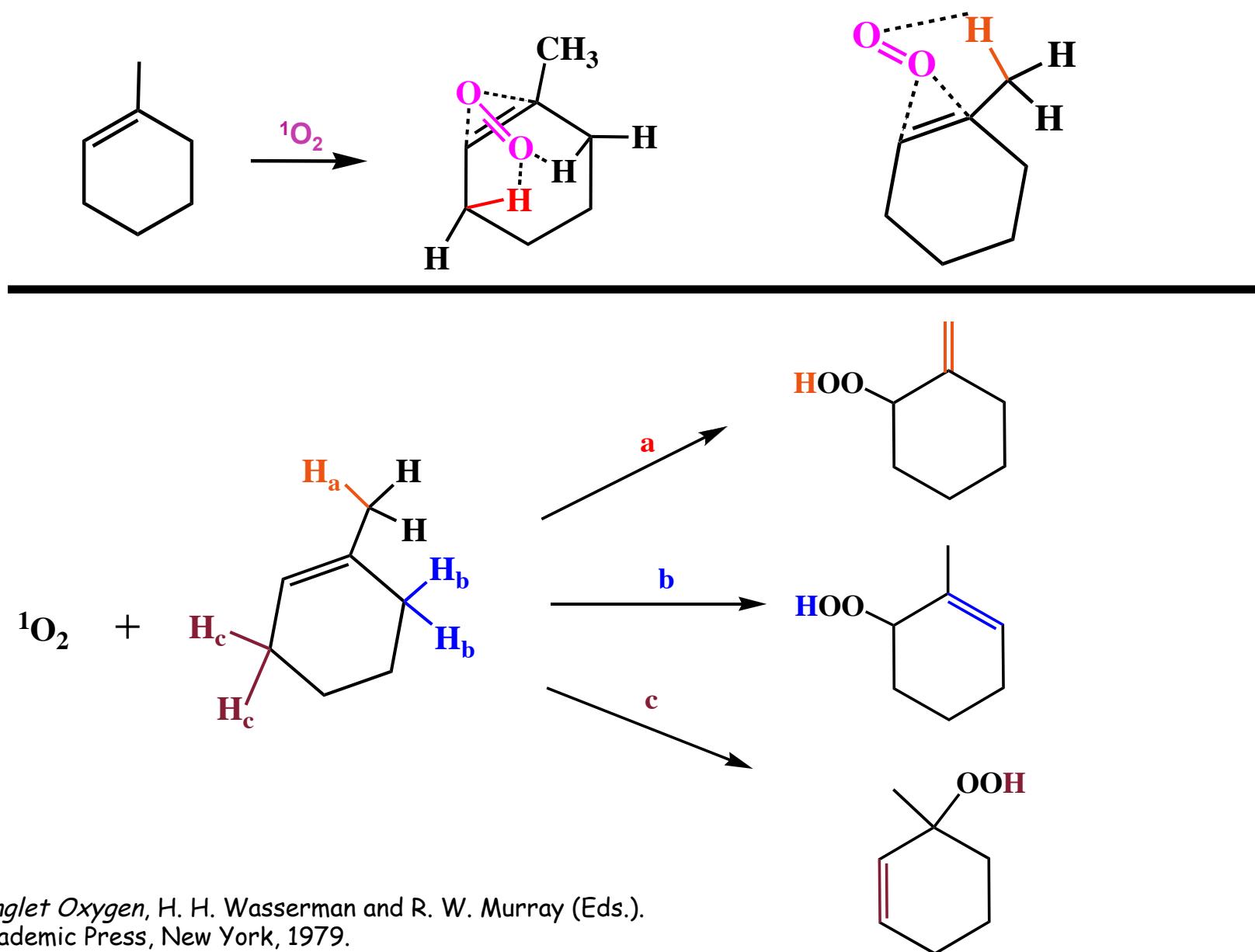
## Isotropic solution



## OA complex

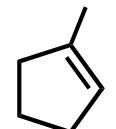
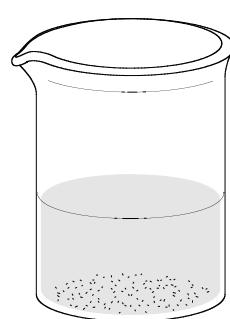
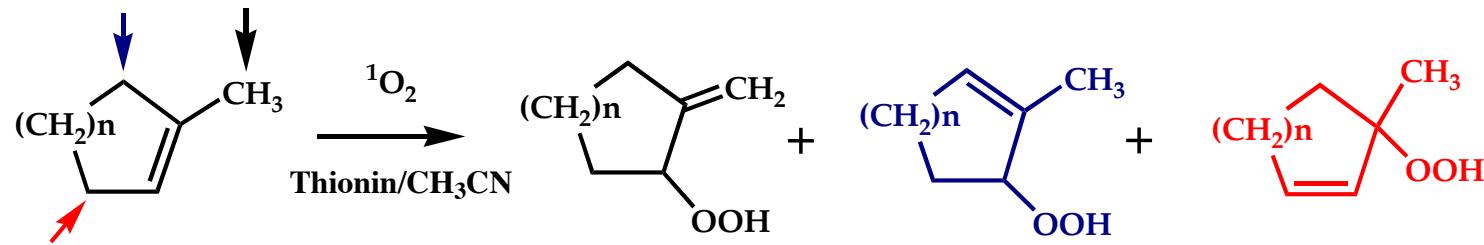


# Oxidation of olefins by singlet oxygen: Ene reaction



*Singlet Oxygen*, H. H. Wasserman and R. W. Murray (Eds.).  
Academic Press, New York, 1979.

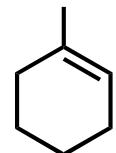
## Goal: To conduct regioselective ene reaction in water



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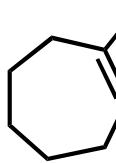
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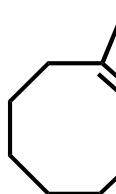
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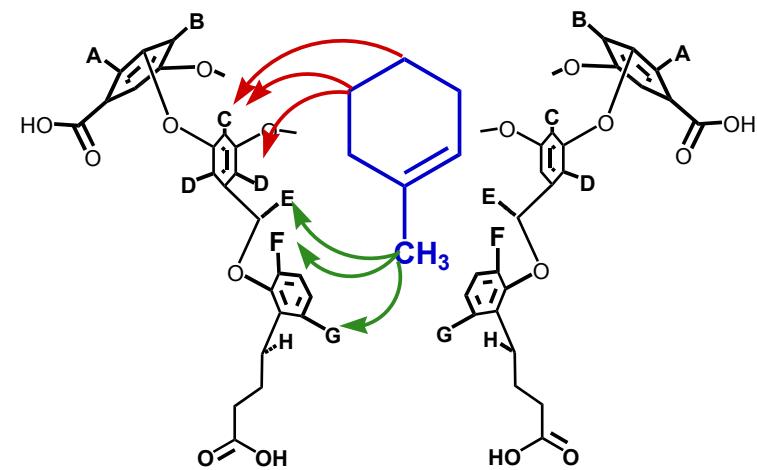
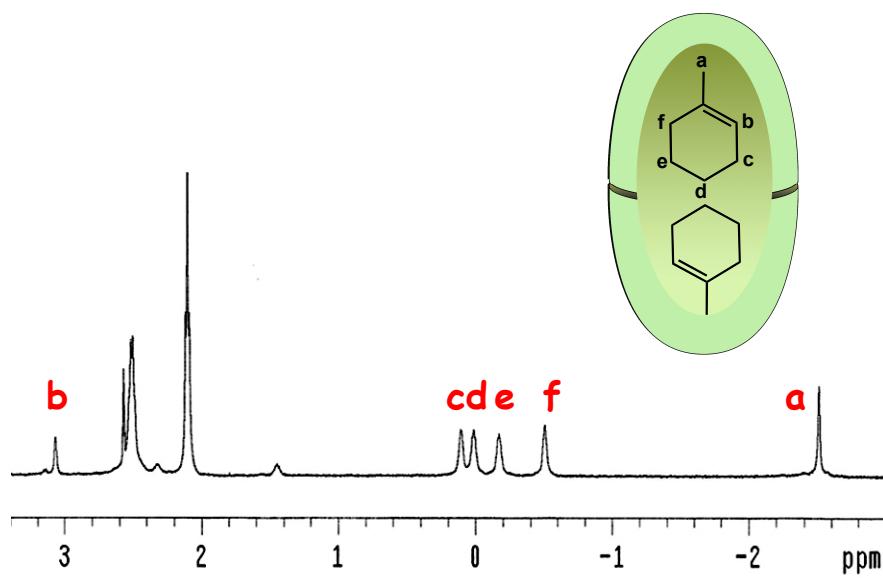
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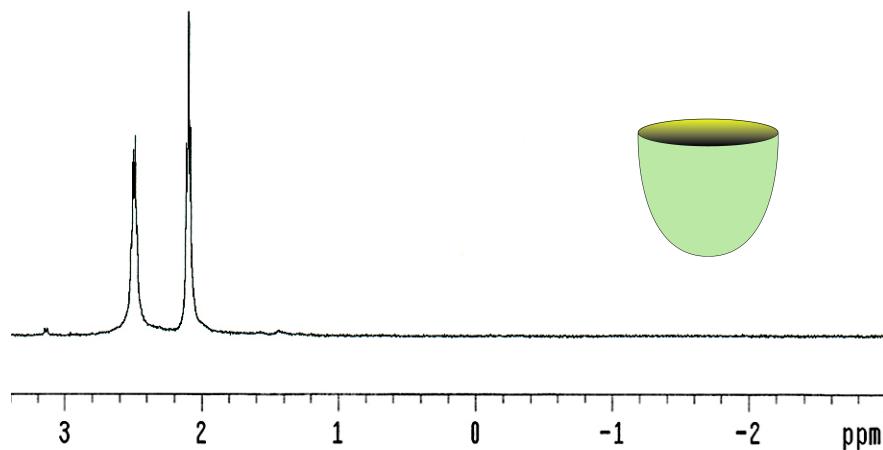
Product Yield (%)

C. S. Foote, *Pure Appl. Chem.*, 27, 635 (1971)

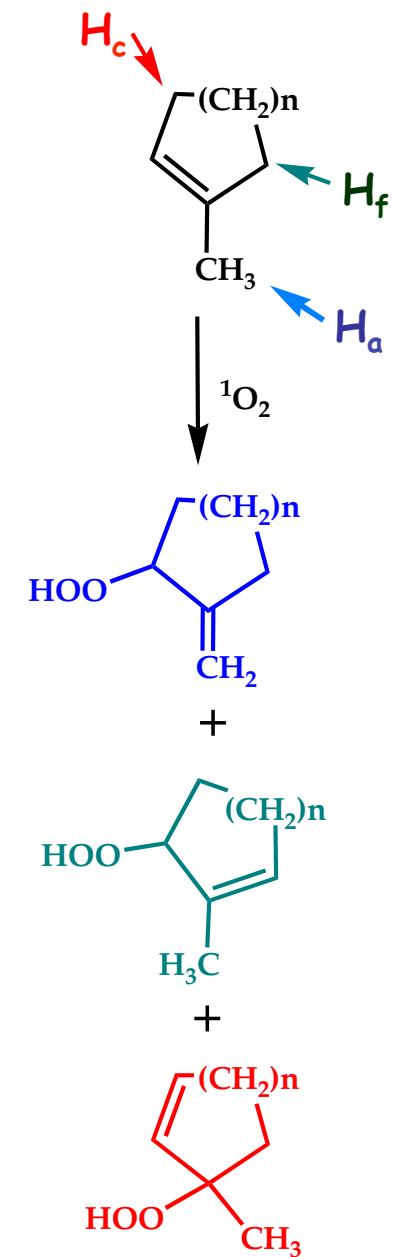
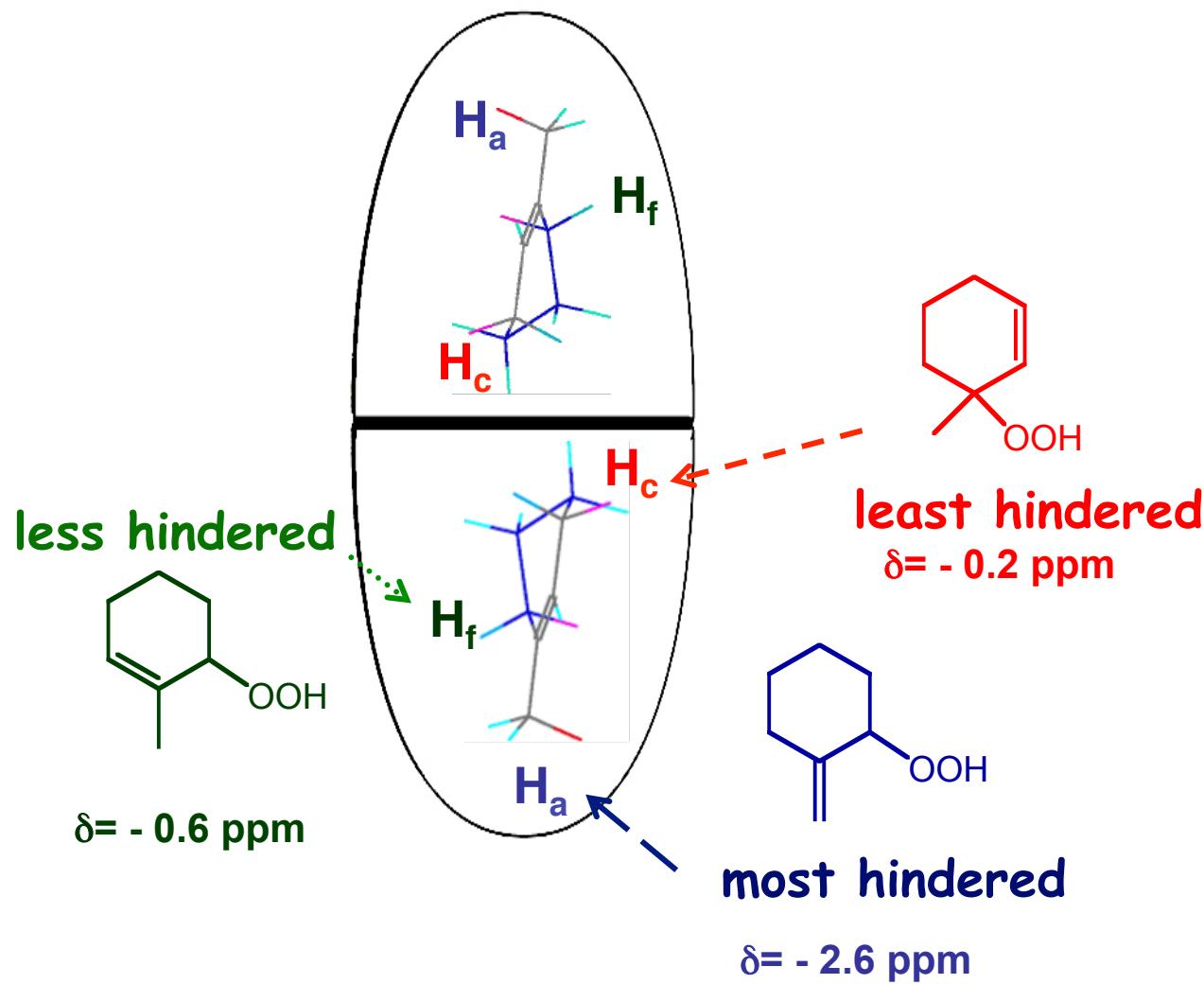
# Characterization of Olefin-OA Complex by $^1\text{H}$ NMR



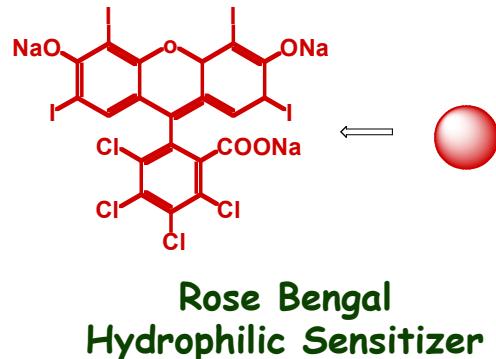
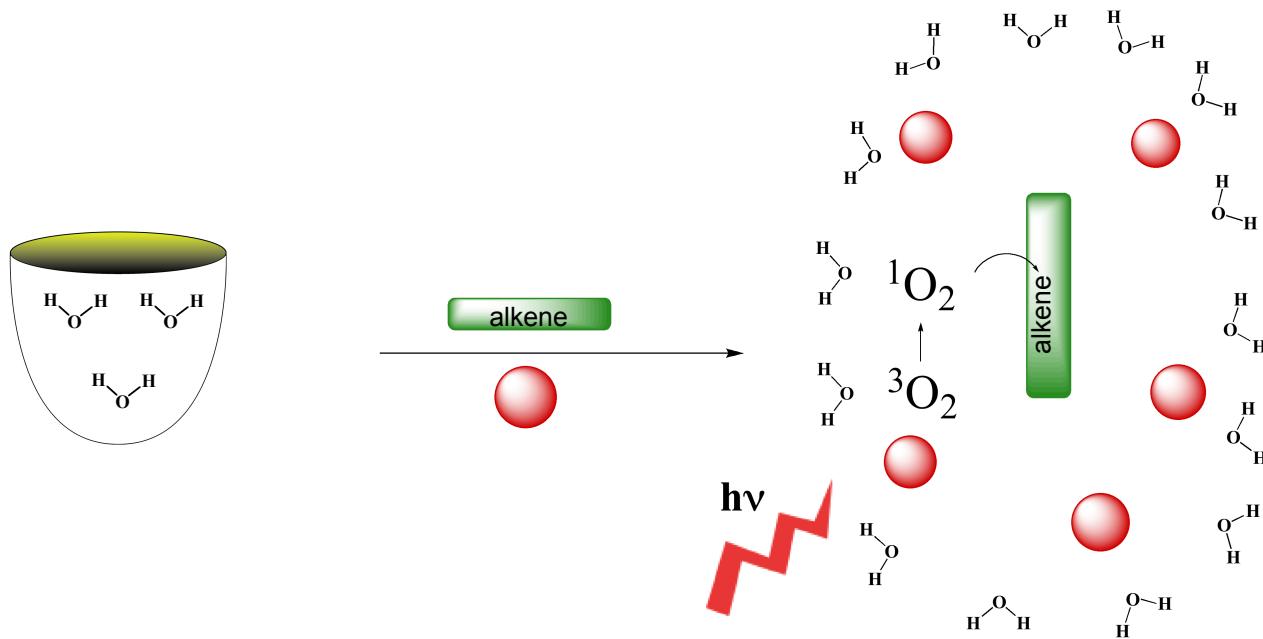
NOE interactions between the host and the guest



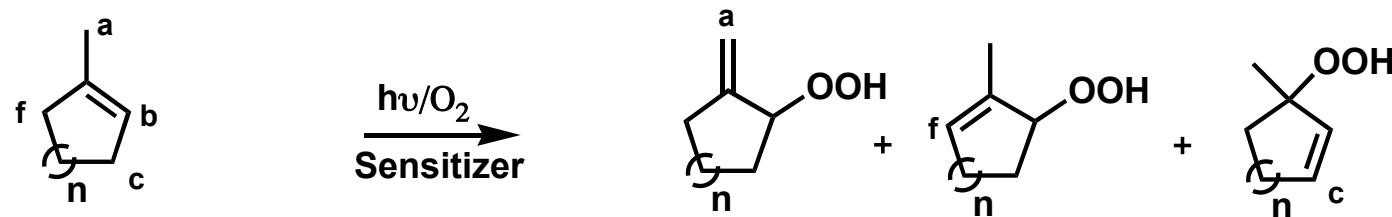
# 1-Methylcyclohexene anchored through methyl group within OA



# Singlet oxygen generation for oxidation of encapsulated olefins

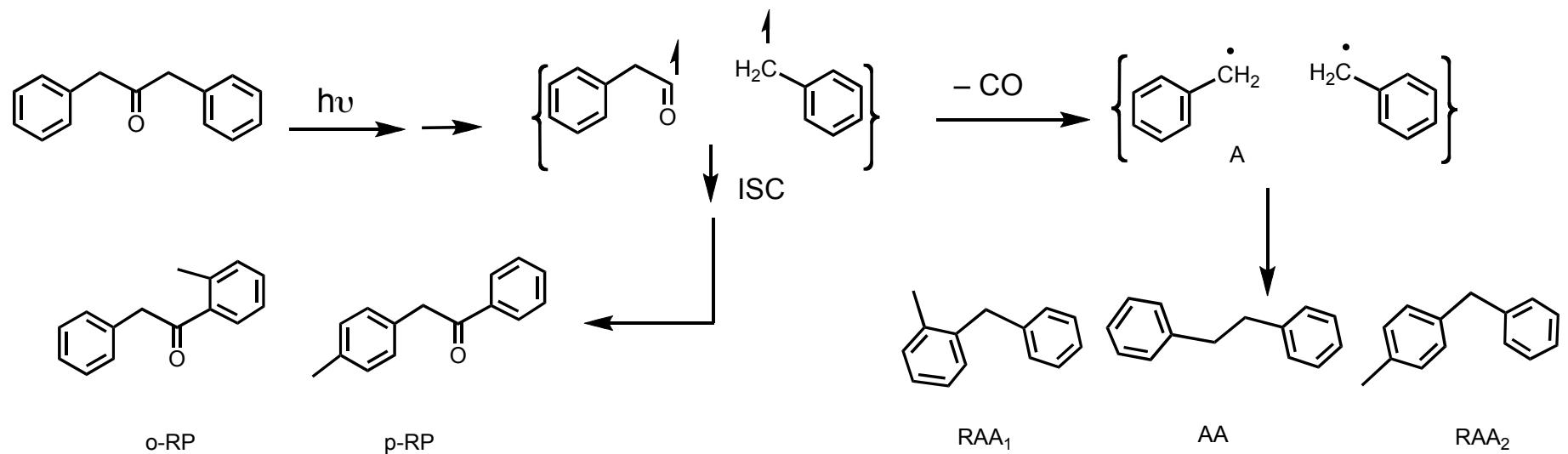


## Selective oxidation of 1-methyl cycloalkenes-OA complex



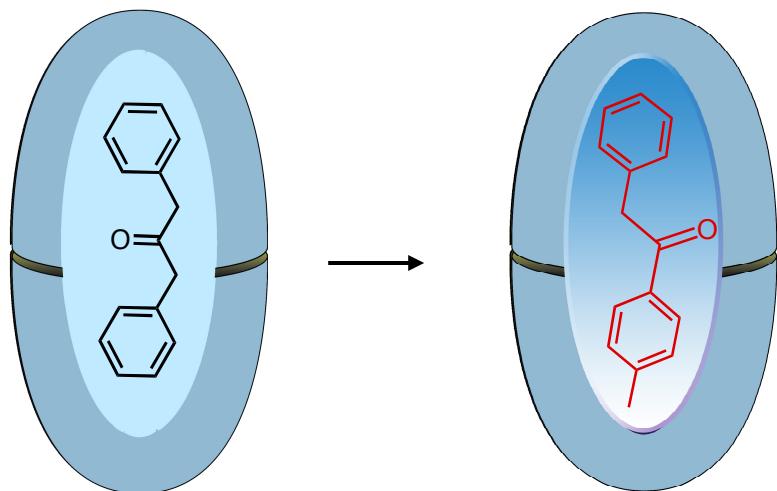
n=1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN / Rose bengal	4%	43%	53%
	Octa acid / Rose bengal	-	5%	95%
n=2	CH <sub>3</sub> CN / Rose bengal	44%	20%	36%
	Octa acid / Rose bengal	10%	-	90%
n=3	CH <sub>3</sub> CN / Rose bengal	4%	48%	48%
	Octa acid / Rose bengal	4%	6%	90%

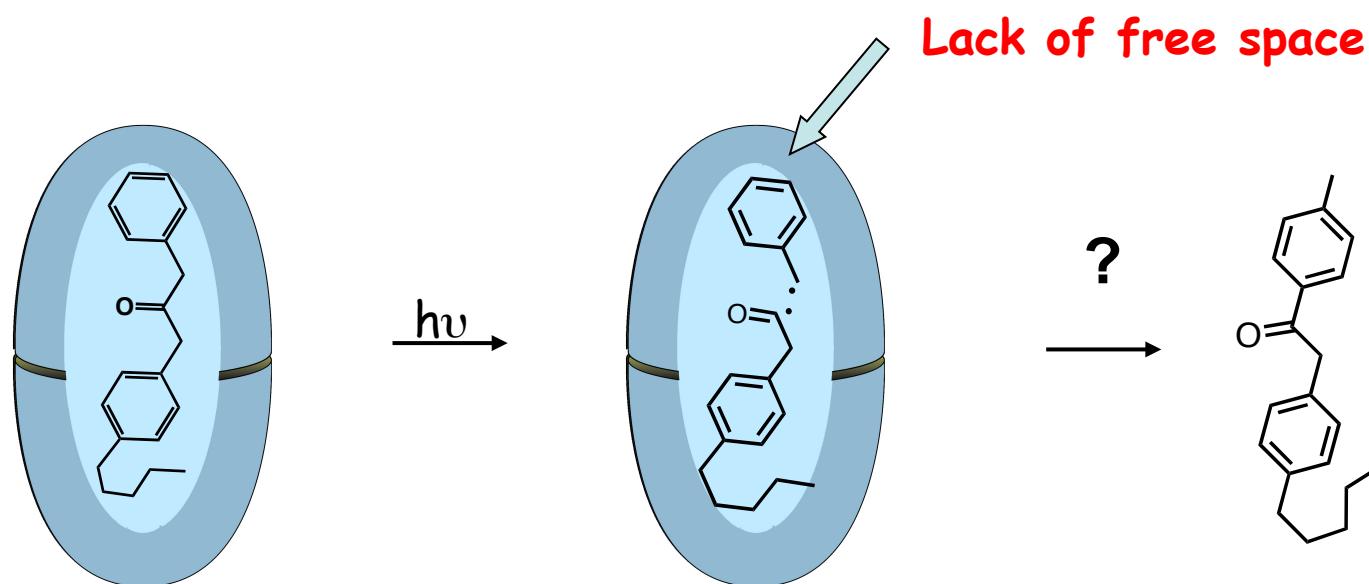
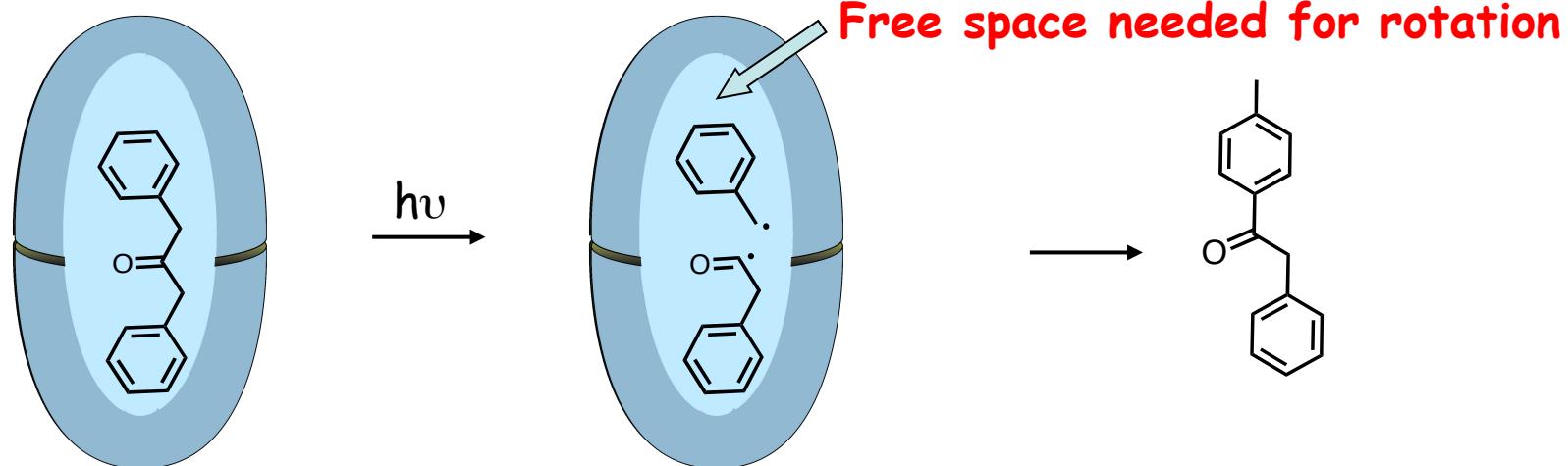
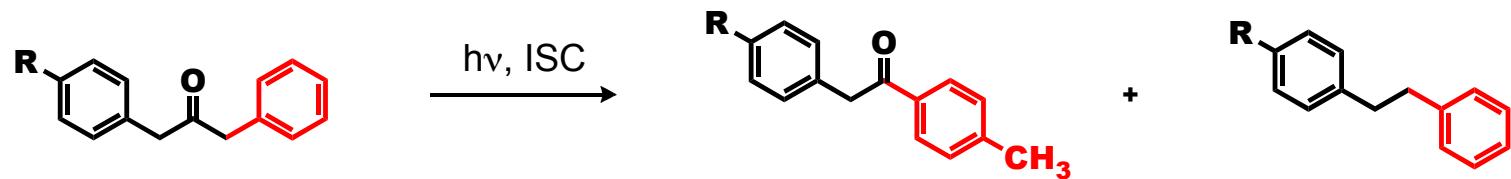
# The primary radical pair prefers to rotate than decarbonylate

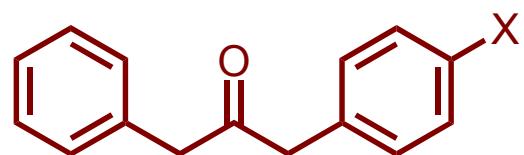


Relative product distribution (%)

Medium	RAA <sub>1</sub> +RAA <sub>2</sub>	AA	p-RP
Hexane	--	>99	--
Octa acid	10	34	56





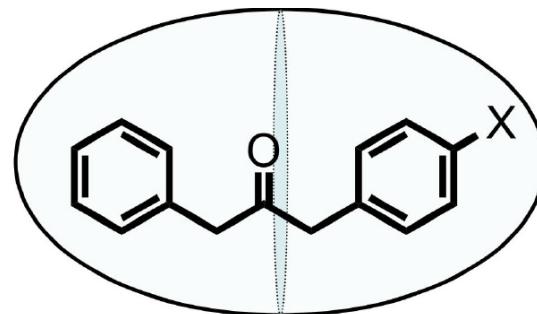


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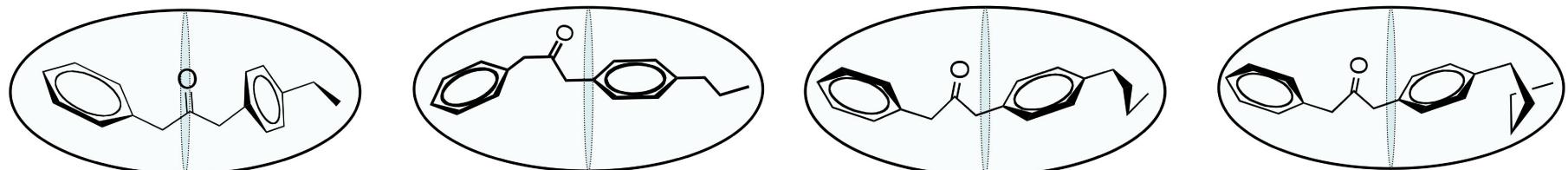
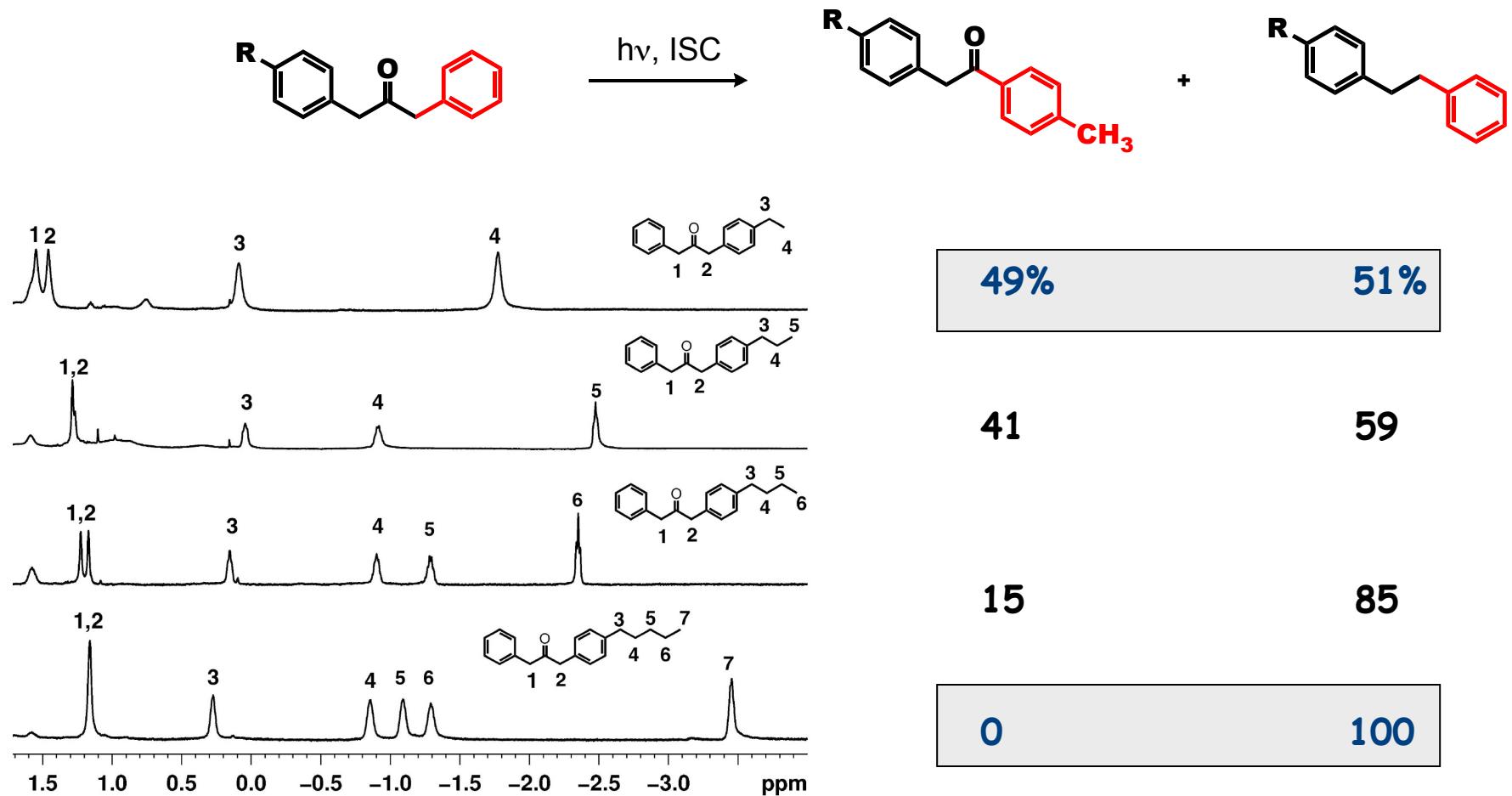
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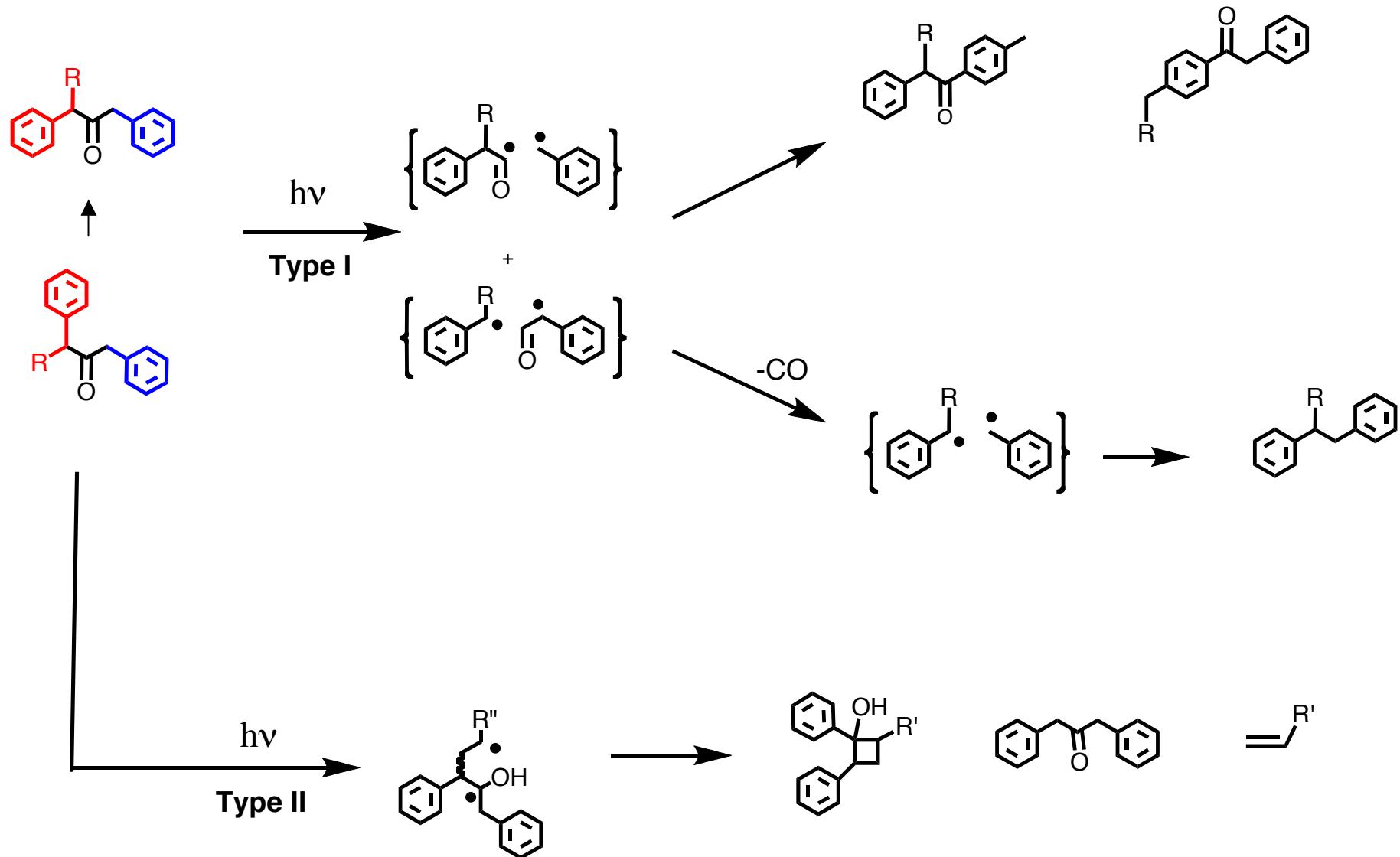
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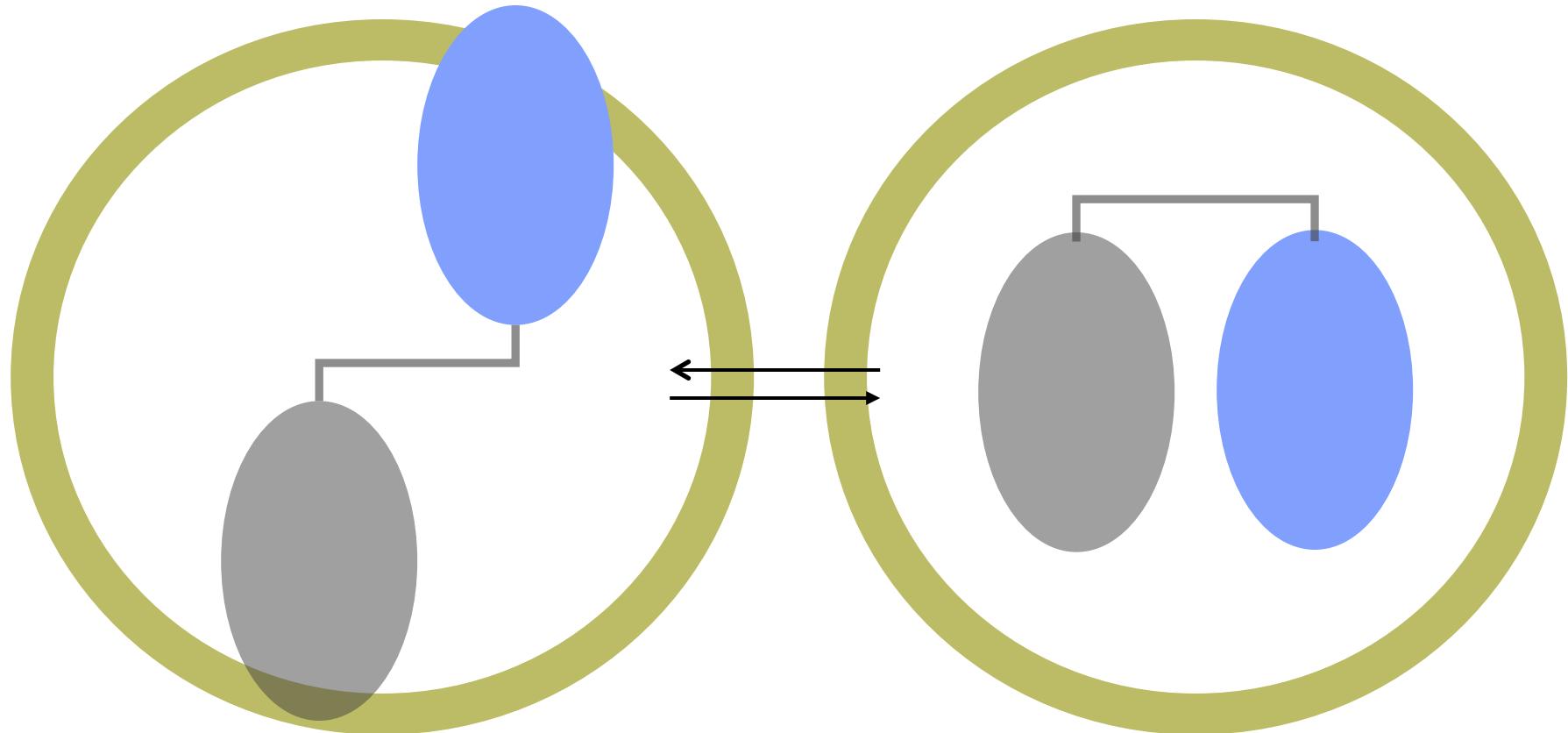


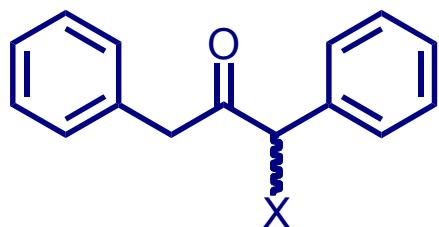
# Controlling free space through an alkyl tail





# Conformational Control and Rotational Restriction





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$X = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$

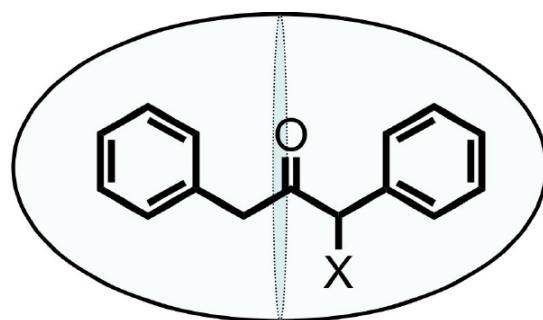
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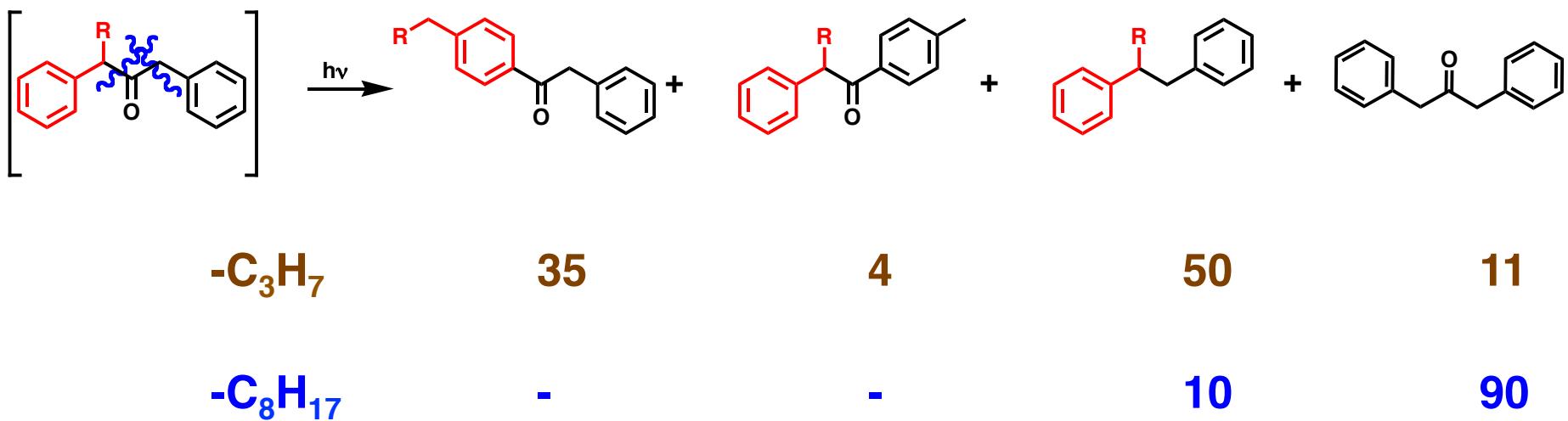
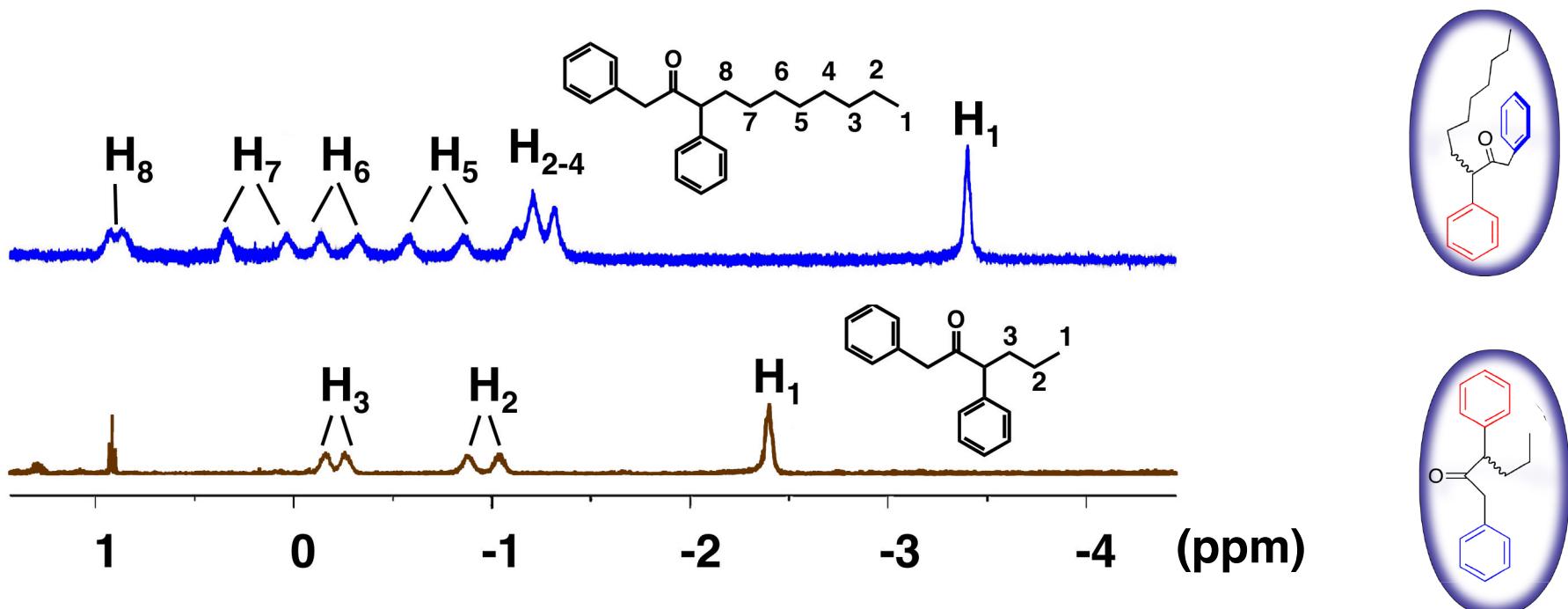
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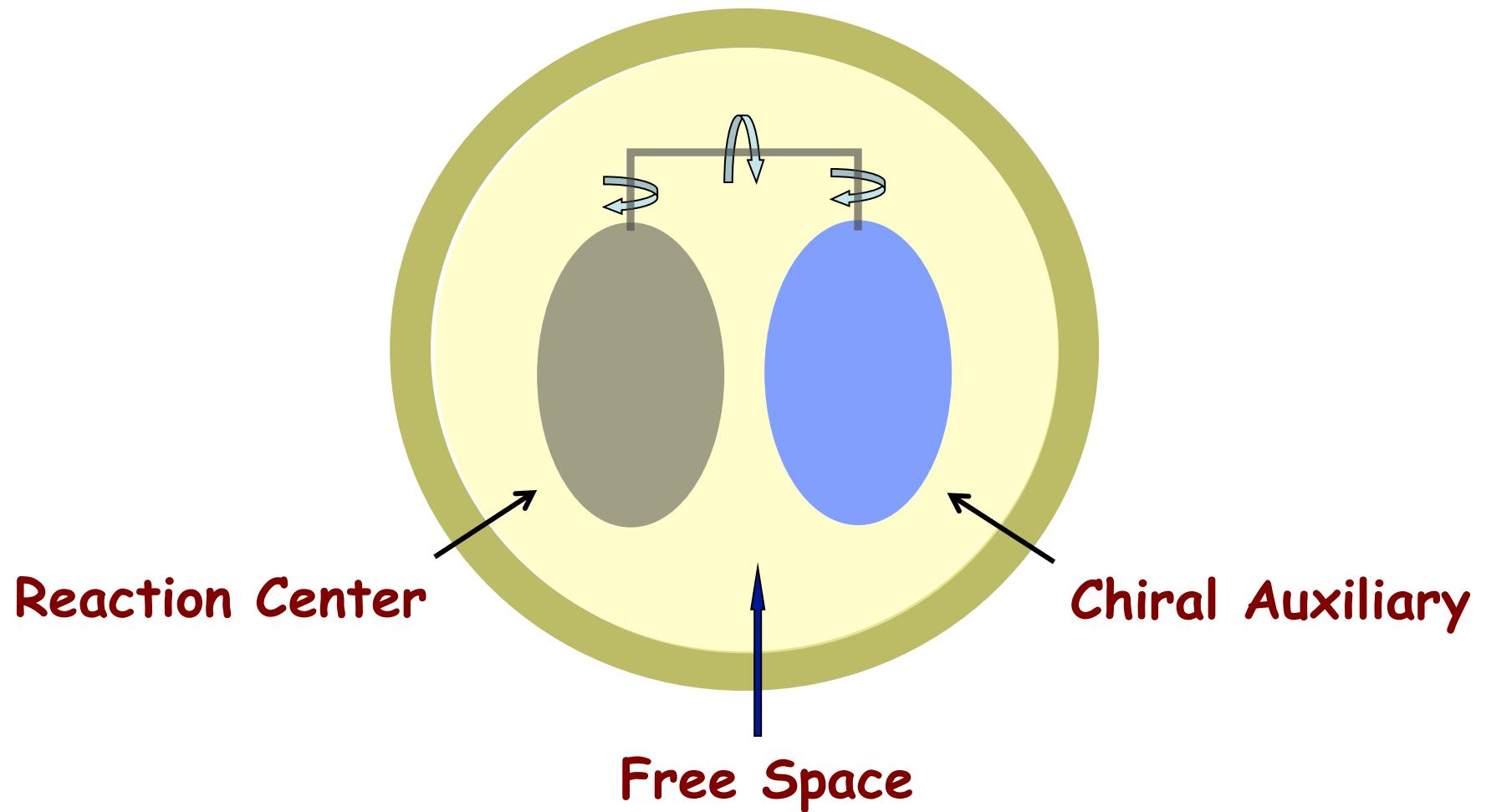
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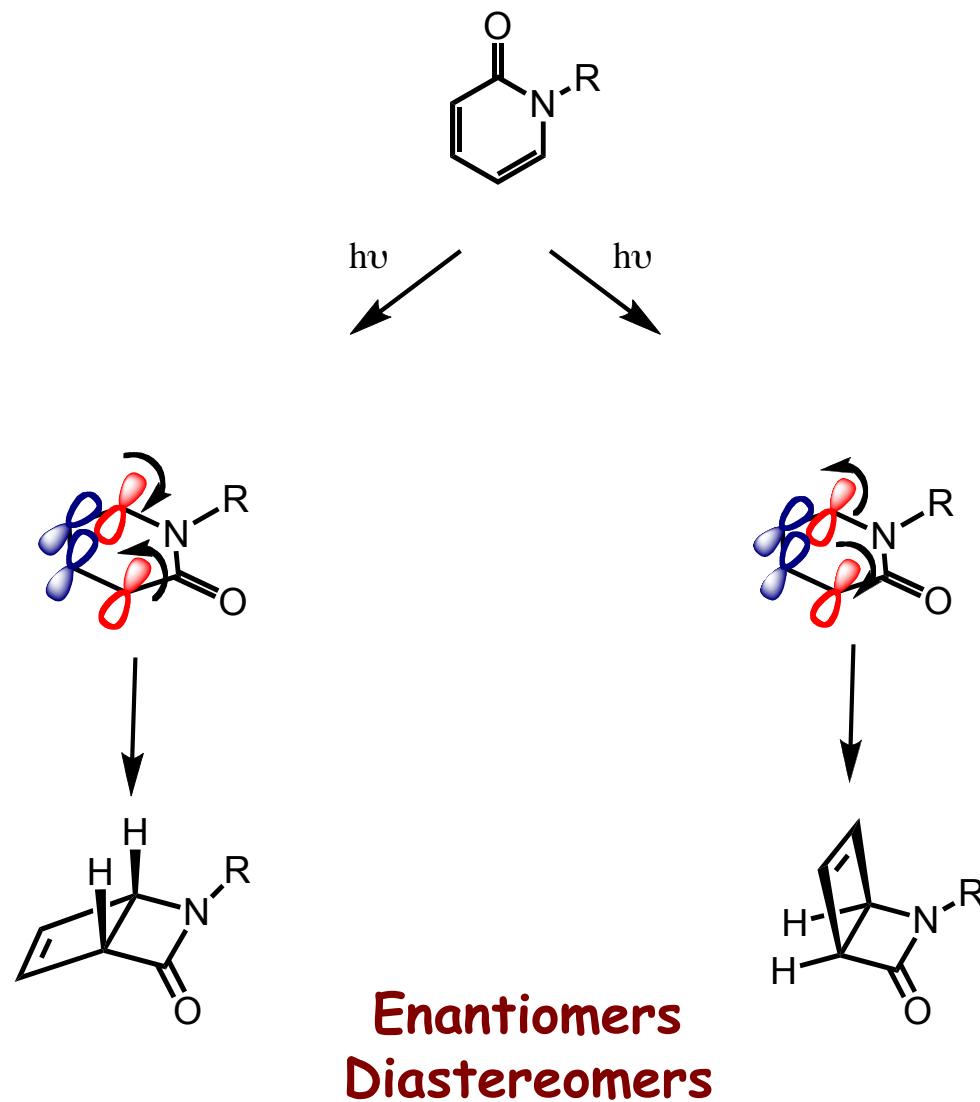


# Role of Free Space

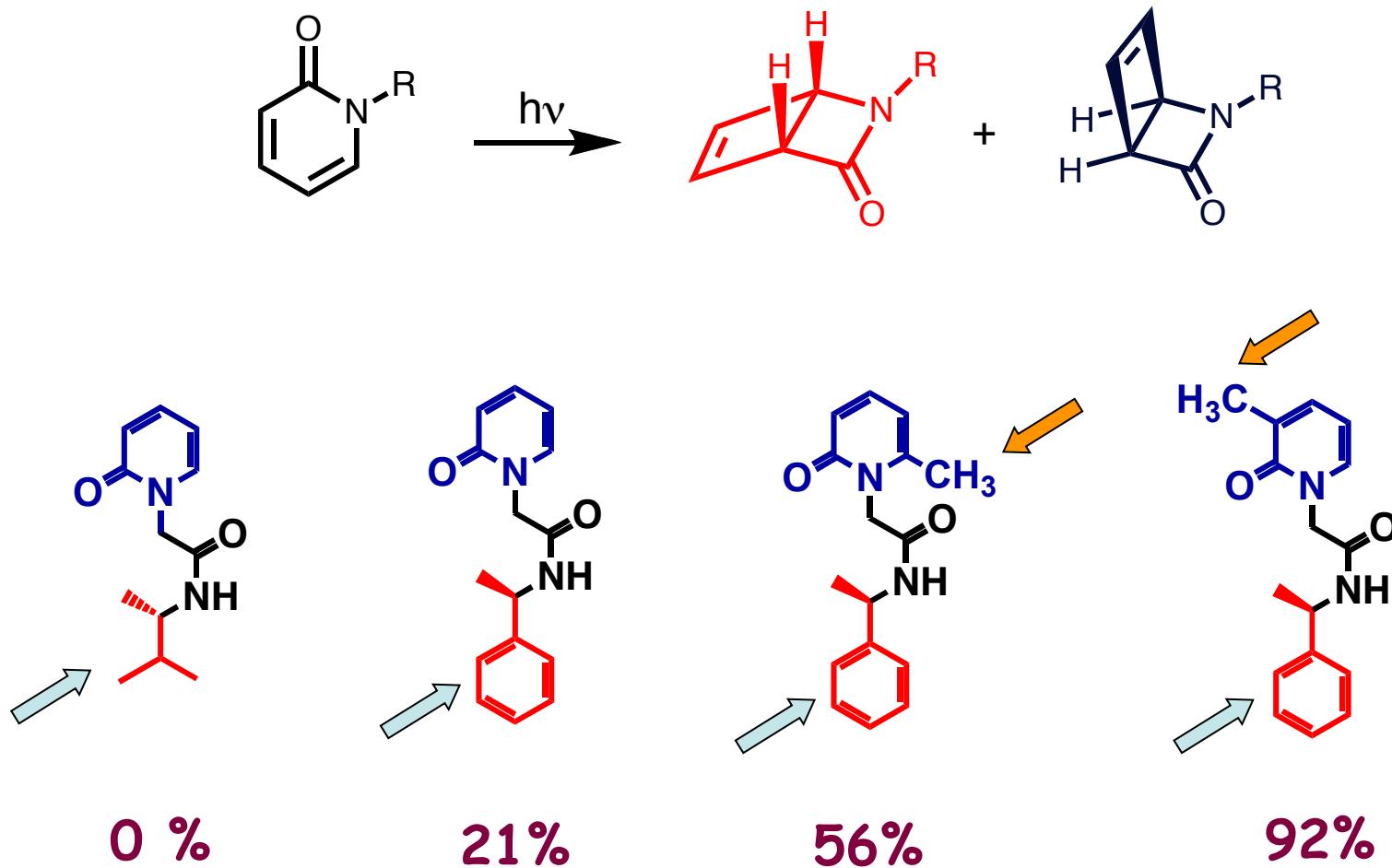
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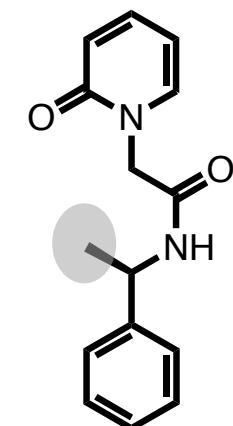
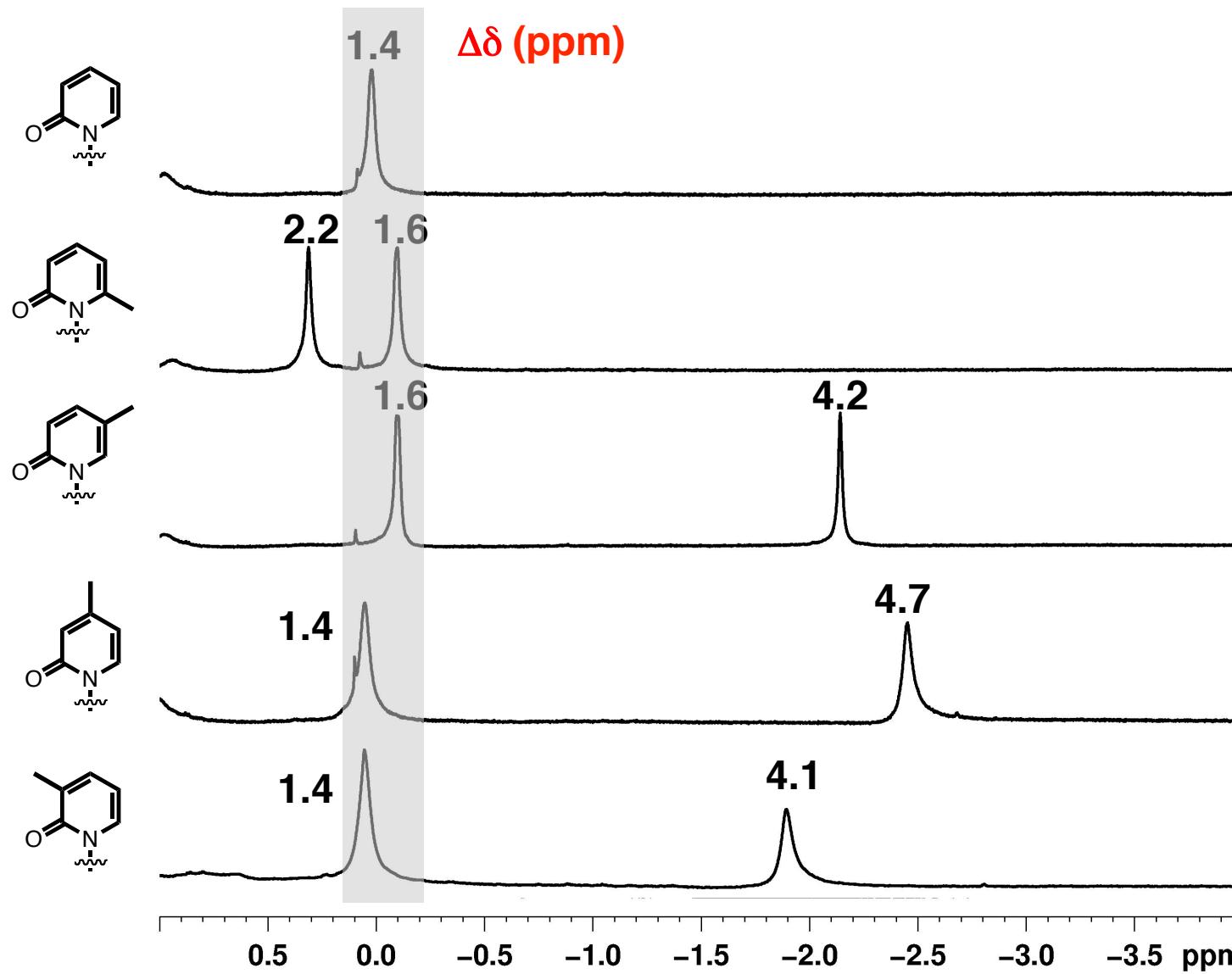


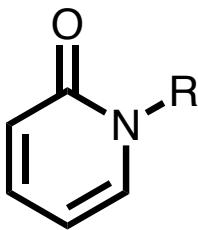
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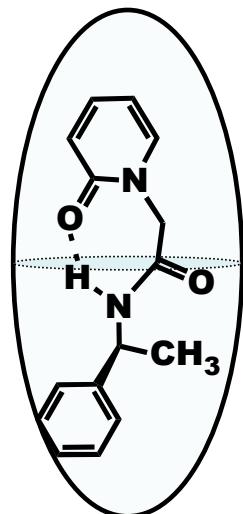
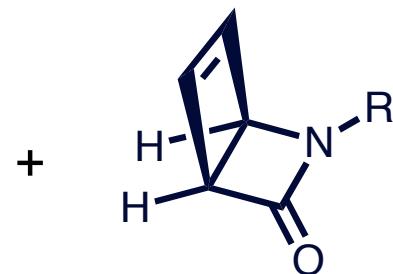
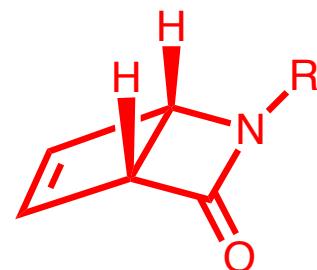
## Importance of phenyl group and methyl substitution



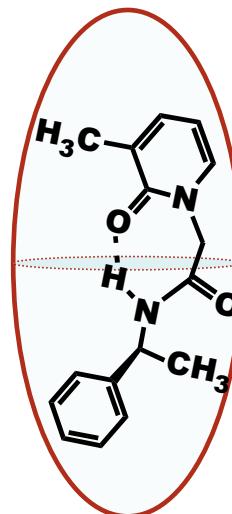




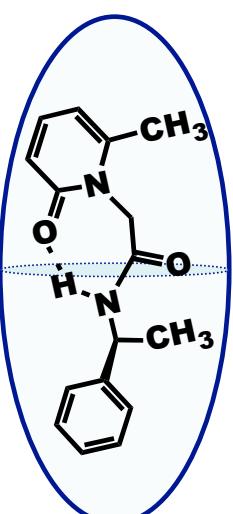
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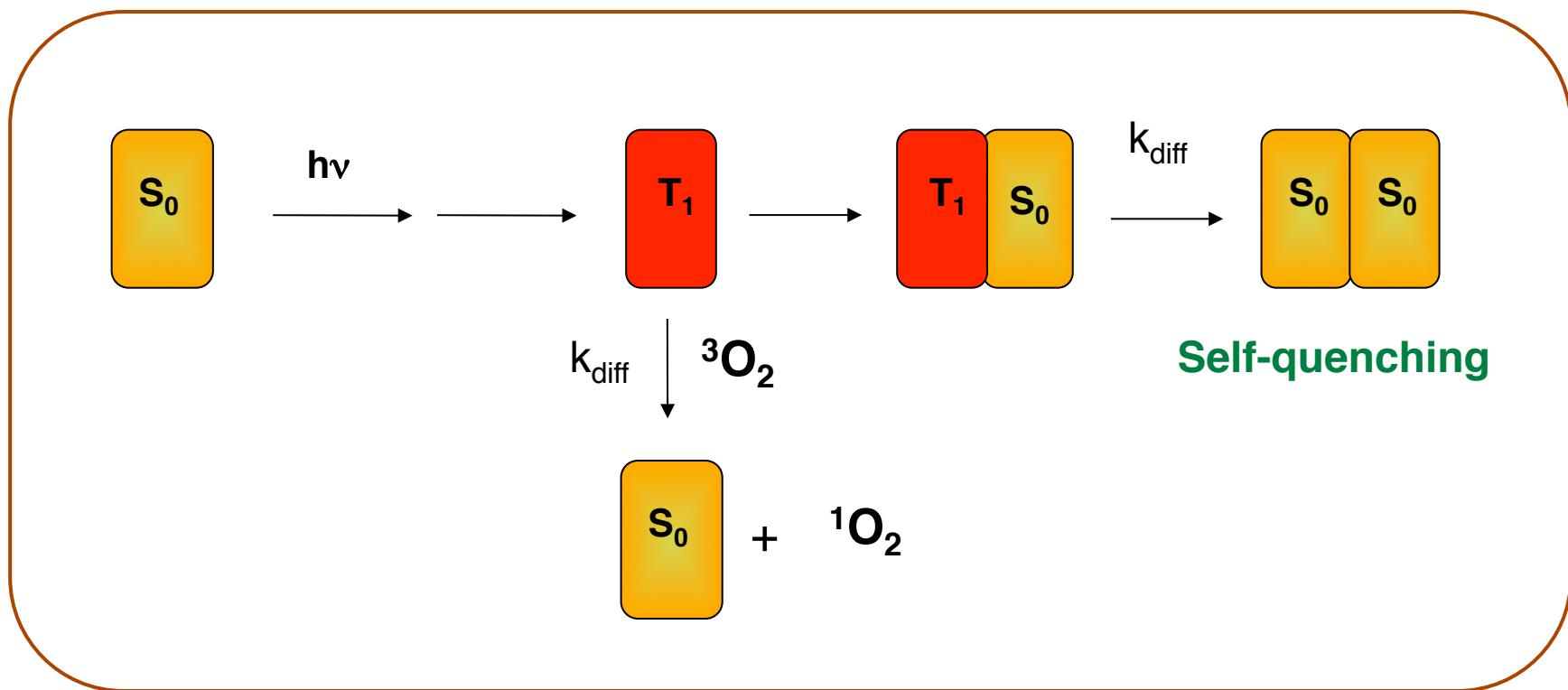


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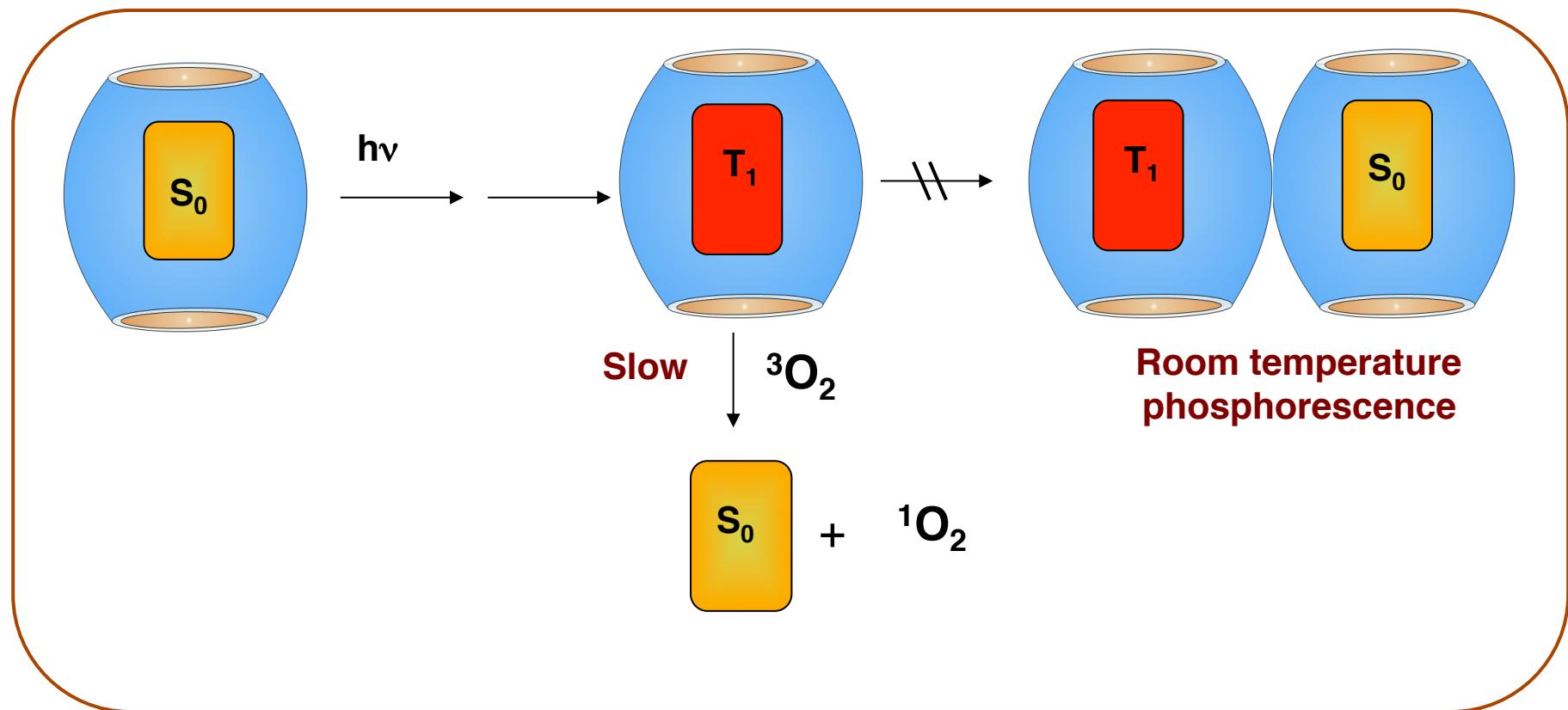
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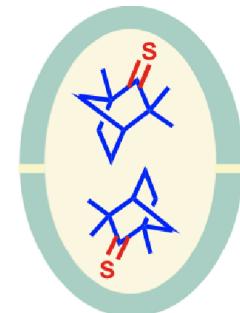
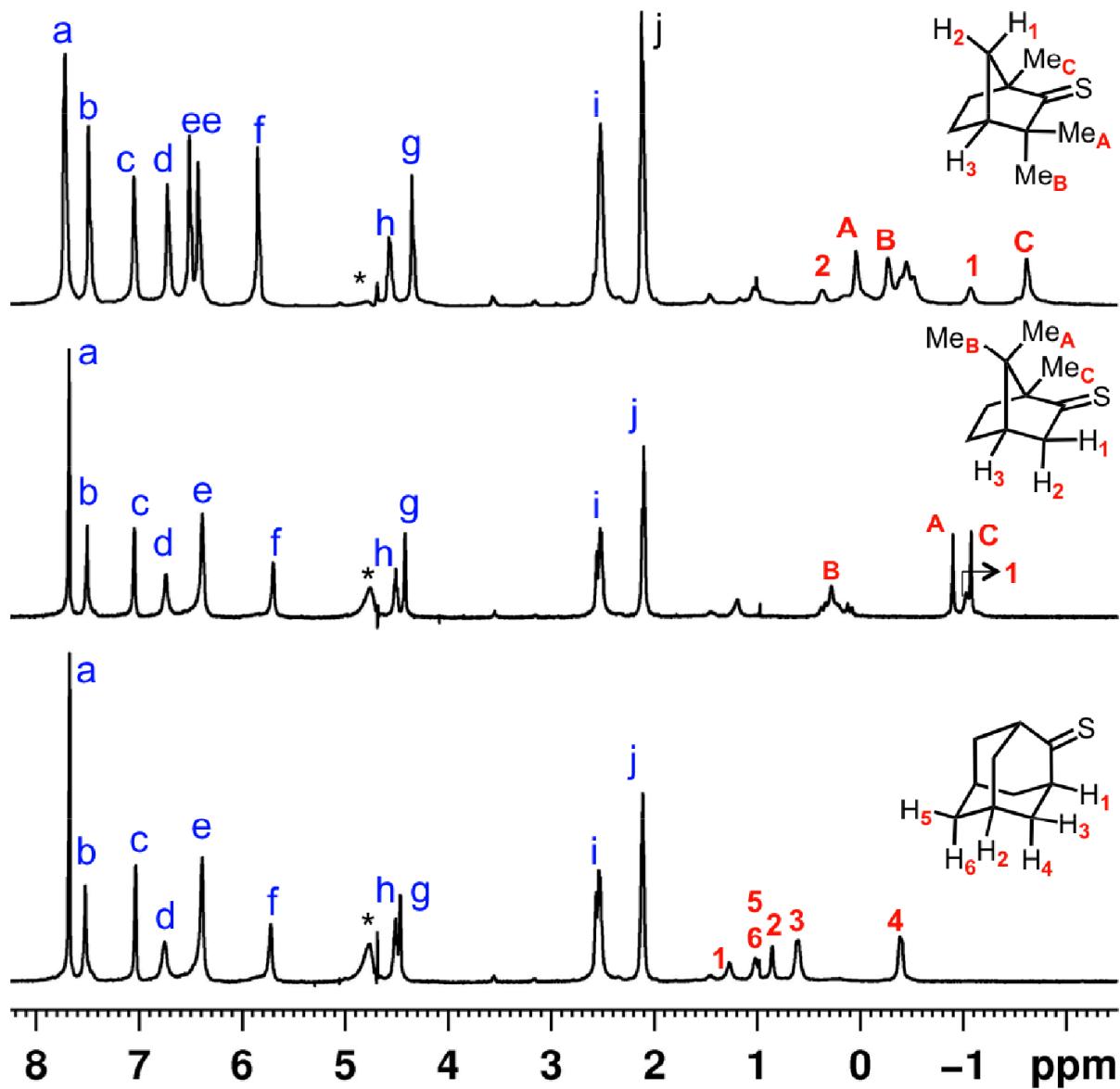
# Room Temperature Phosphorescence



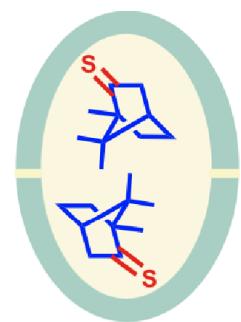
Diffusion controlled self-quenching and oxygen-quenching in solution

## Prevention of self quenching with the help of containers

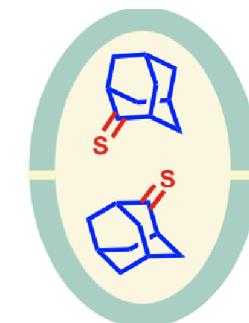




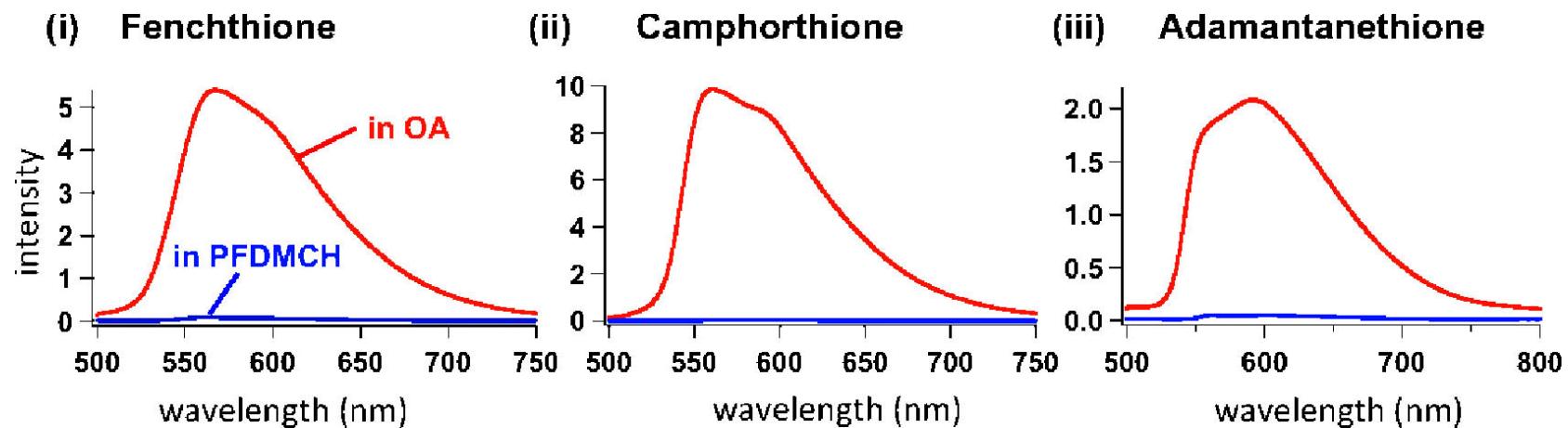
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Camphorthione<sub>2</sub>@OA<sub>2</sub>



Adamantanethione<sub>2</sub>@OA<sub>2</sub>

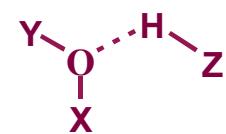
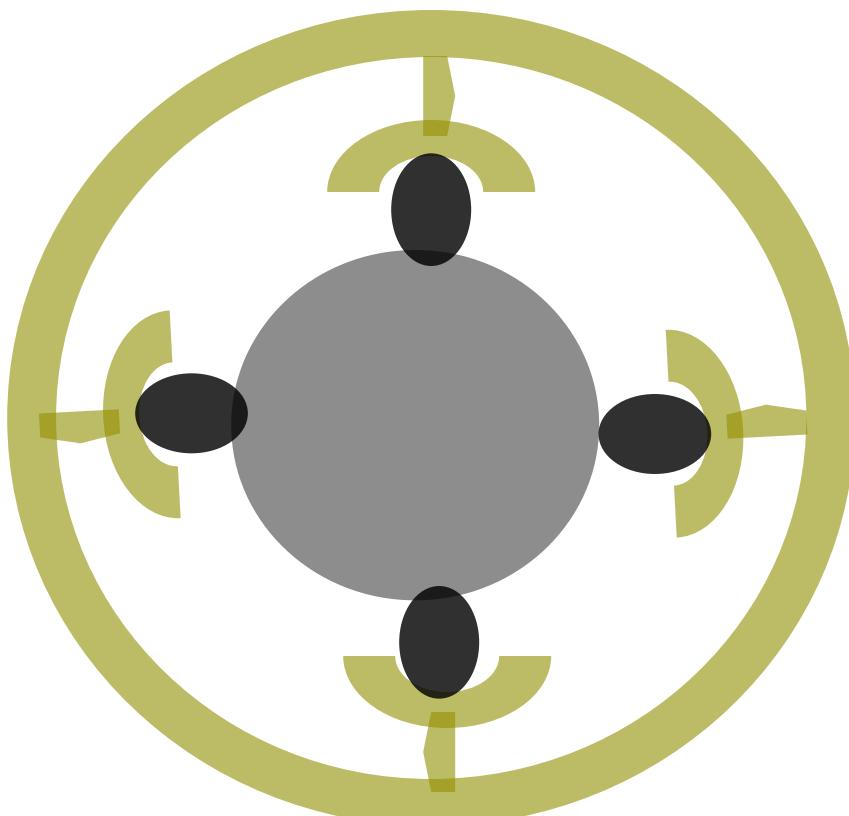


Guests	$\tau^o_T (\mu s)^a$	OA		
		H:G <sup>c</sup>	$\tau_T (\mu s)^b$	$k_{q,O_2} (M^{-1}s^{-1})$
<b>Fenchthione</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>2:2</b>	<b>187</b>	<b><math>(1.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^6</math></b>
<b>Camphorthione</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>2 : 2</b>	<b>65</b>	<b><math>(2.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^7</math></b>
<b>Adamantanethione</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>2 : 2</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b><math>(2.8 \pm 0.1) \times 10^7</math></b>

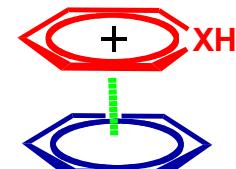
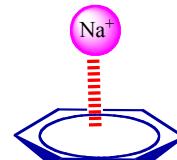
a: extrapolated to infinite dilution in perfluorodimethylcyclohexane

b: at  $10^{-5}$  M of thione and  $10^{-5}$  M of OA

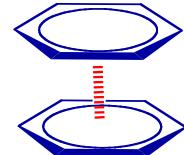
# Role of Weak Interactions



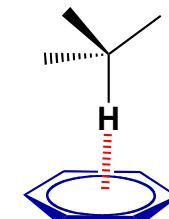
Hydrogen bond



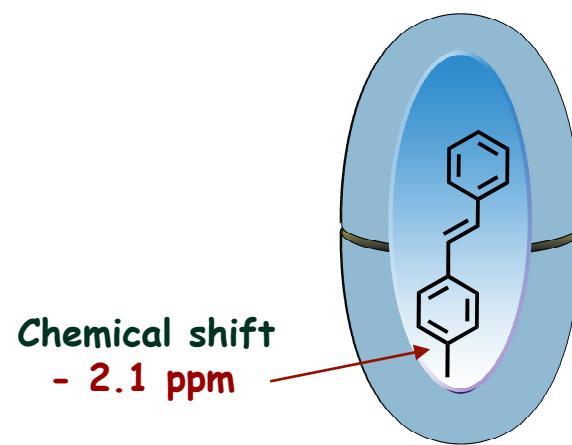
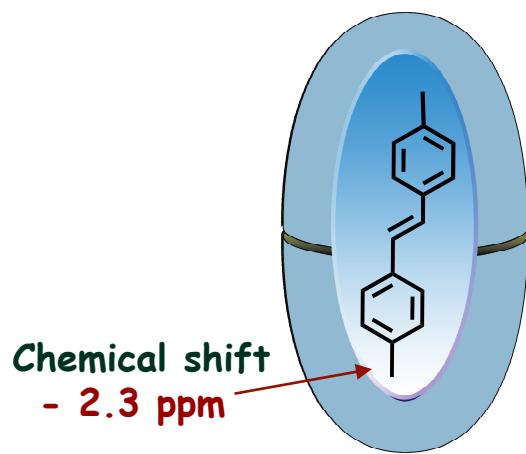
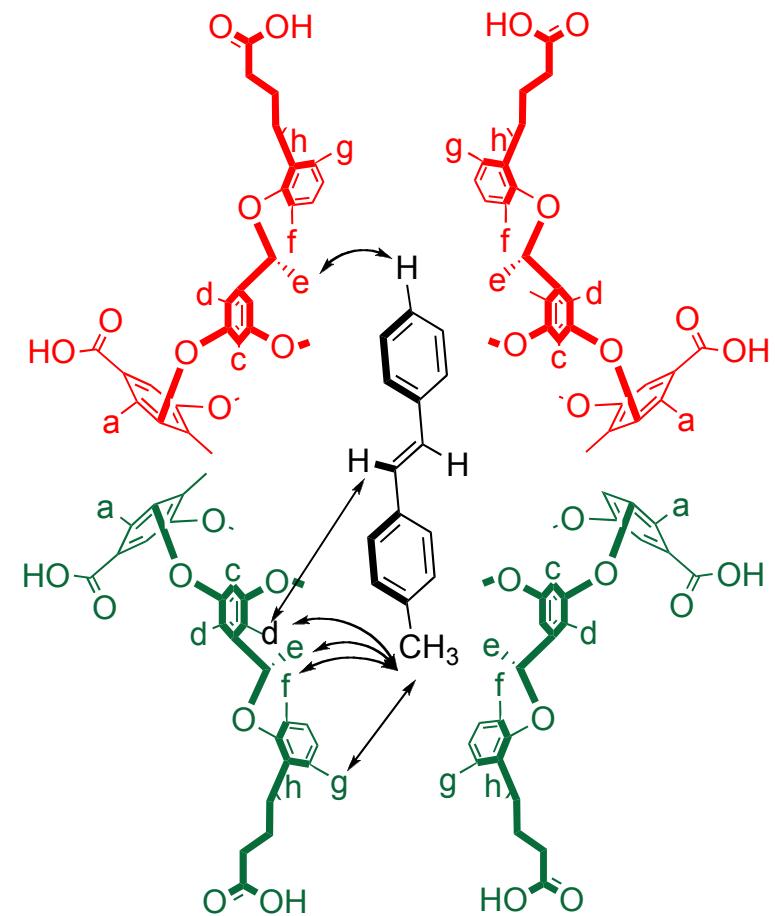
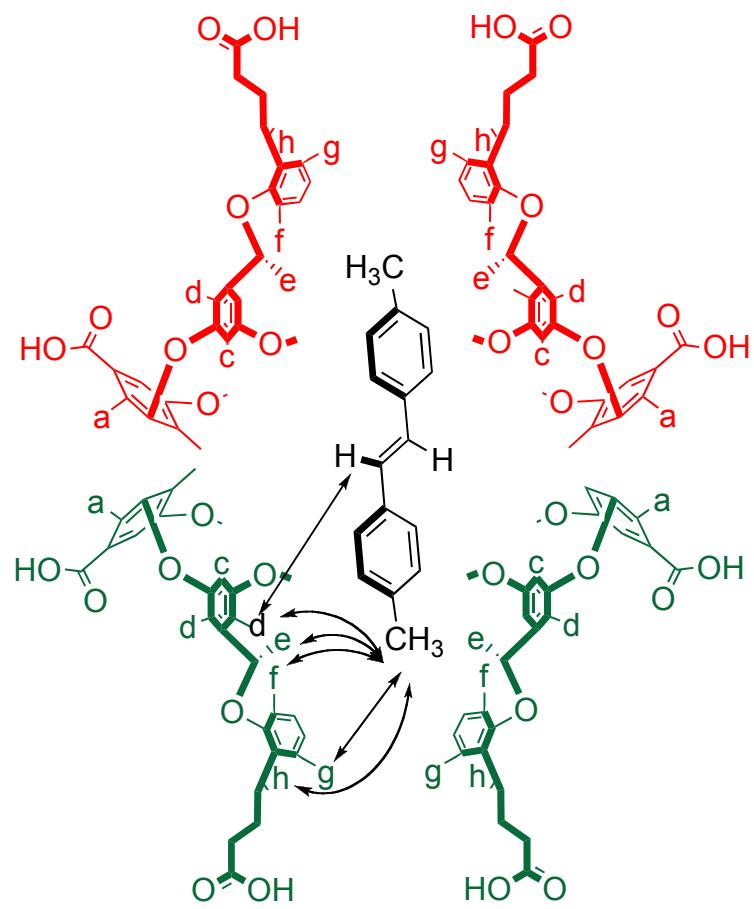
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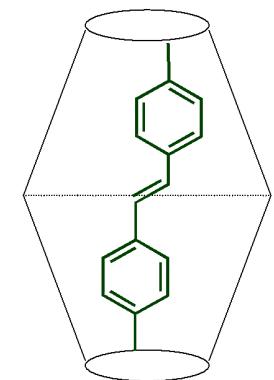
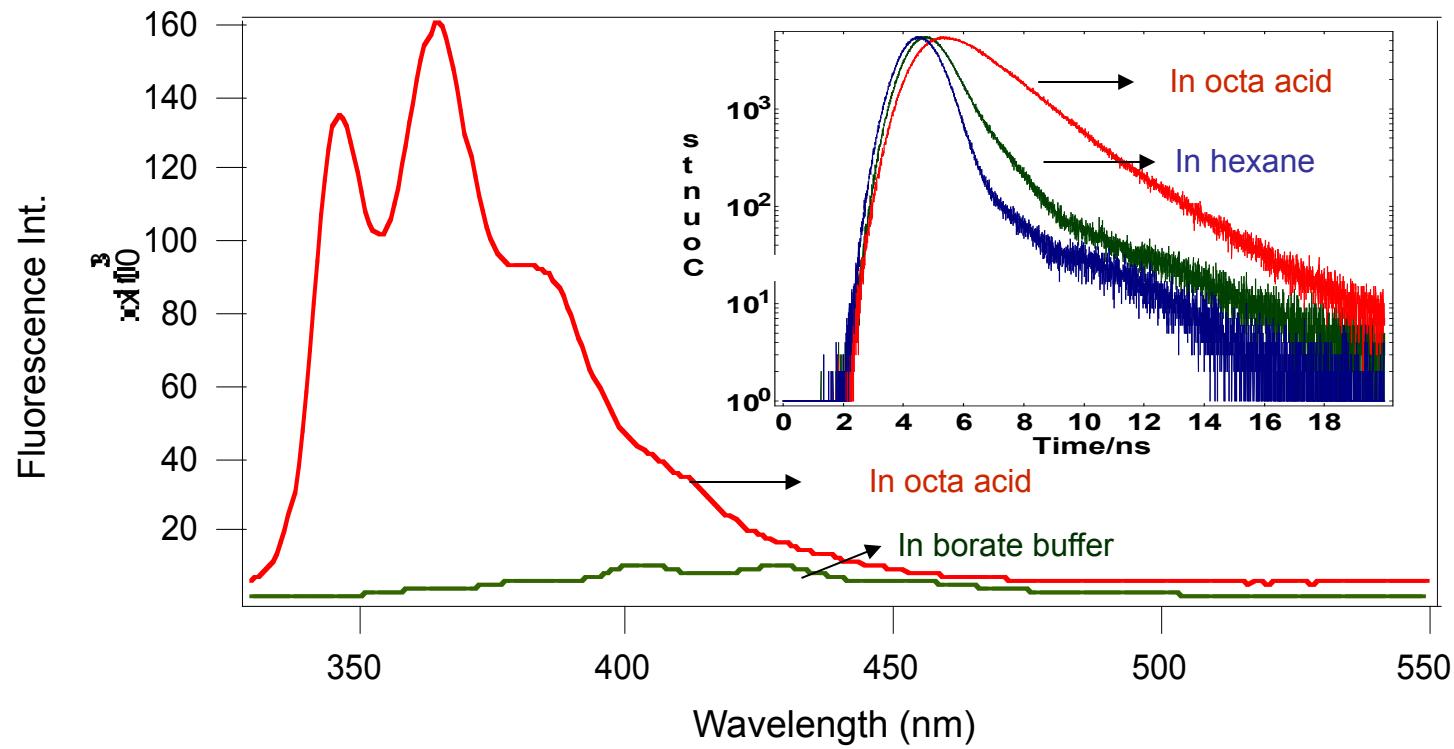
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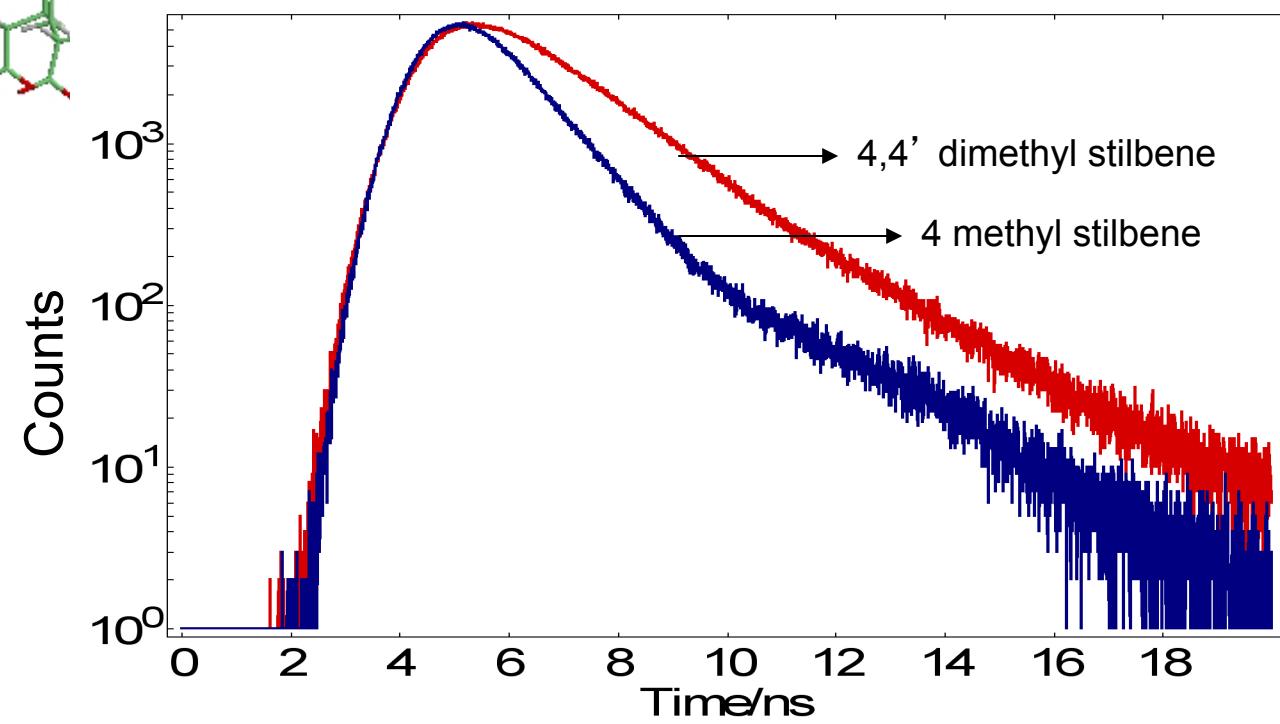
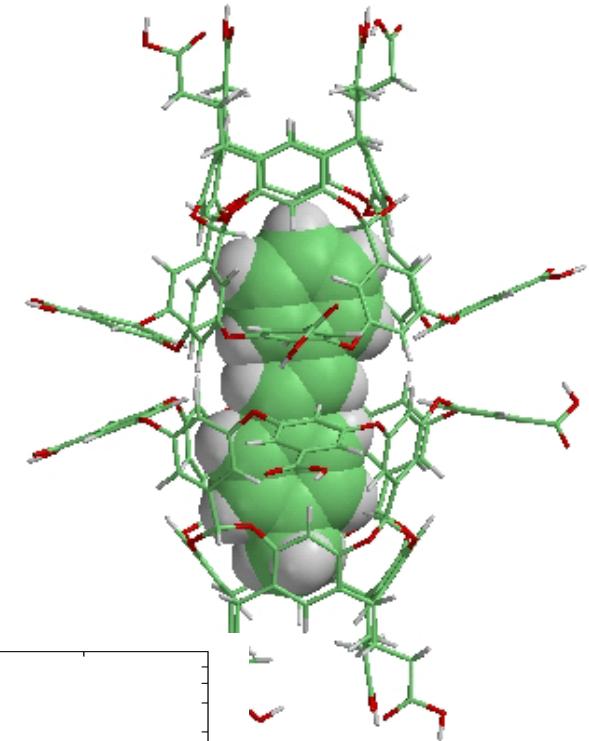
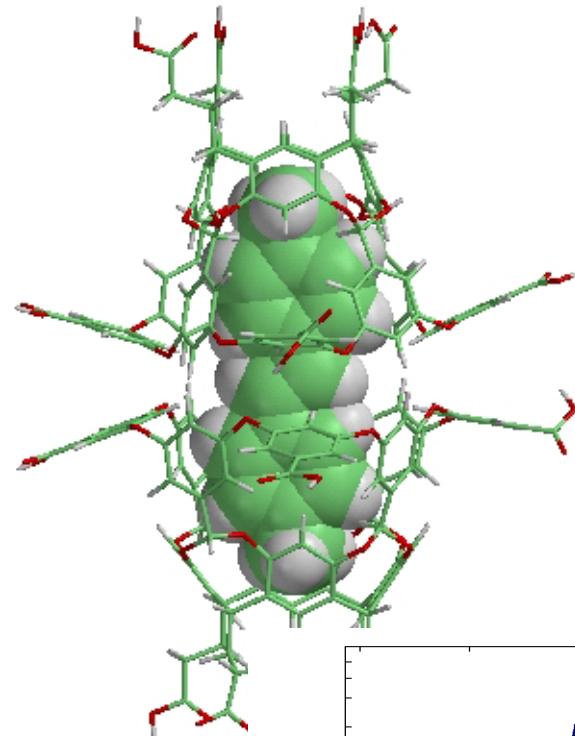


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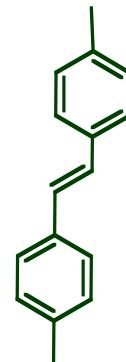
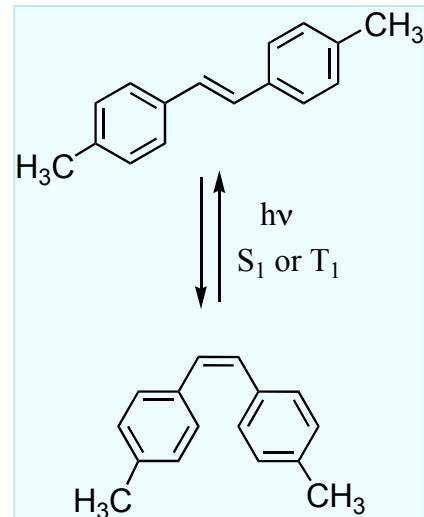


# Fluorescence enhanced and lifetime lengthened within the OA capsule

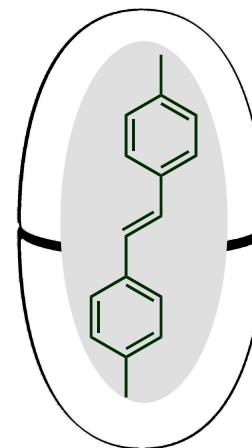




# C-H---π Interaction Controls the Rotation



Solution  
 $CDCl_3$  / Hexane



Octa acid

Chemical shift  $\delta$  of  $CH_3$

2.35 ppm

- 2.3 ppm

Pseudo-photostationary state - Singlet (Cis:Trans)

76:18

20:80

Photostationary state - Fluorenone Triplet (Cis:Trans)

80:20

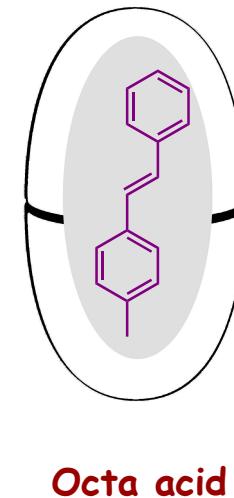
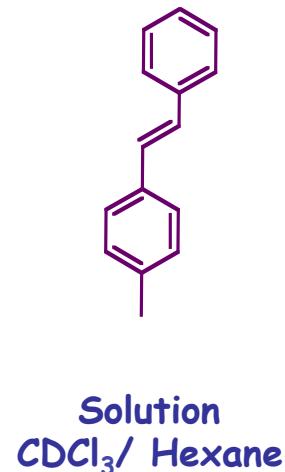
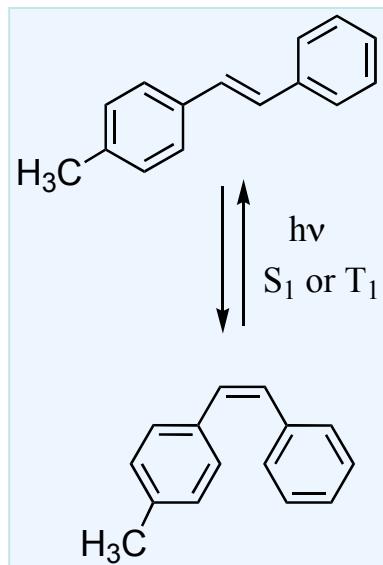
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Lifetime (ns)

<0.7

1.74

# Possible Selective Rotation of the Phenyl group



Chemical shift  $\delta$  of  $\text{CH}_3$

2.35 ppm

- 2.1 ppm

Pseudo-photostationary  
state -Singlet  
(Cis:Trans)

85:15

85:15

Photostationary state -  
Triplet (Cis:Trans)

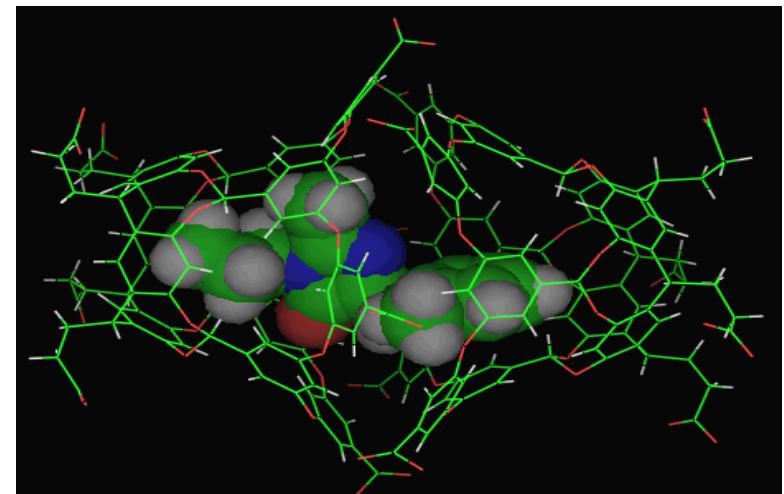
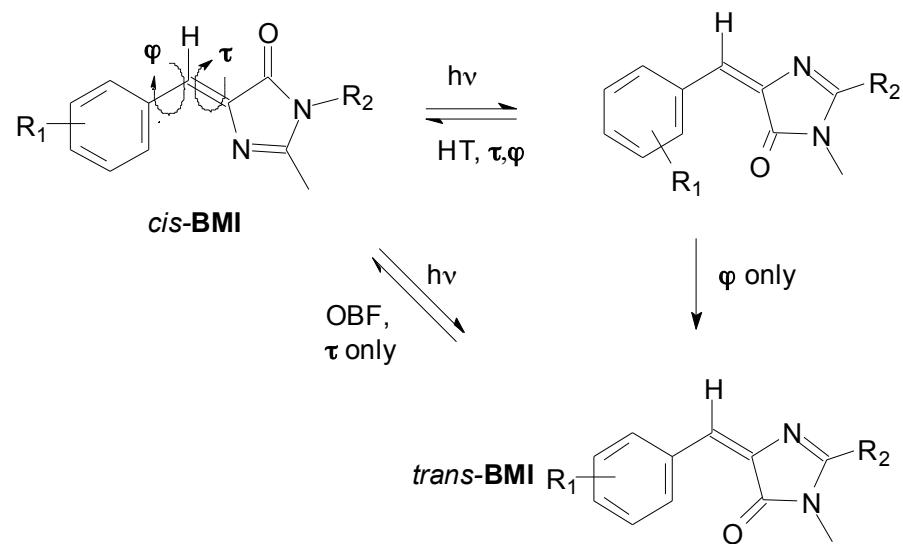
82:18

86:14

Lifetime (ns)

<0.7

0.94



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# Summary

- Depending on the guest, the OA forms 1:1, 2:1 or 2:2 complexes.
- Weak interactions and confinement could be used to control ground state and excited state properties of molecules.
- In host-guest complexes, guest and host molecules are not stationary. They undergo several different types of motions.
- Communication between molecules across molecular walls is possible.



# Container Chemistry at Backyard





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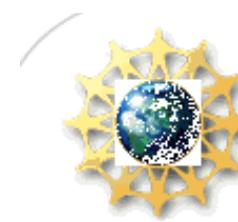
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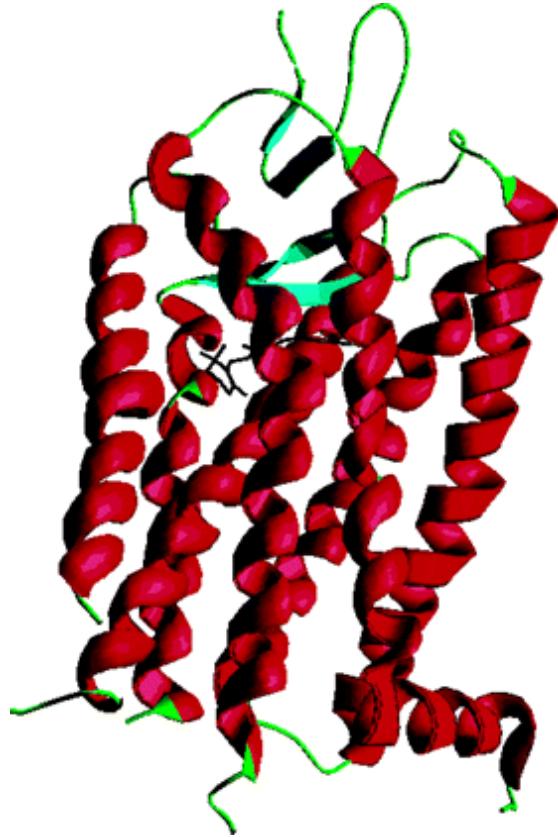
S. Ramanujan  
1887-1920

# Disclaimer

## Invisible Value of Basic Science

No discovery of mine is likely to make--  
the least difference to the amenity of the  
world. I have helped to train other  
mathematicians of the same kind---their  
work has been as useless as my own.----  
Anyhow I have added something to  
knowledge and helped others to add  
more---these have a value----.

*A Mathematician's Apology, 1940*



Are there any other media with some of the features of biological media?

## Container Chemistry

# Controlling Chemistry With Confinement

Medium (host): Octa Acid

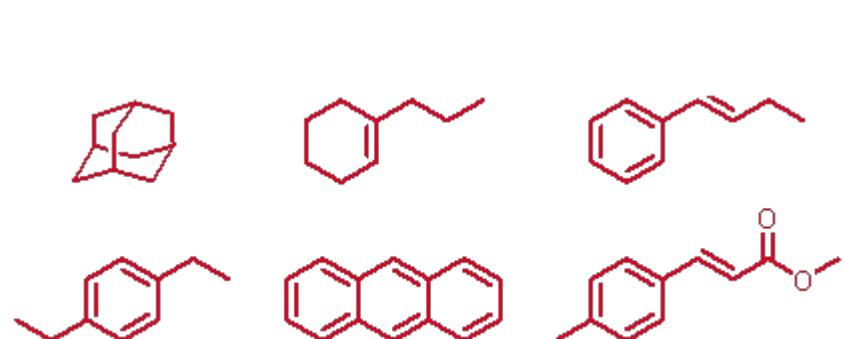
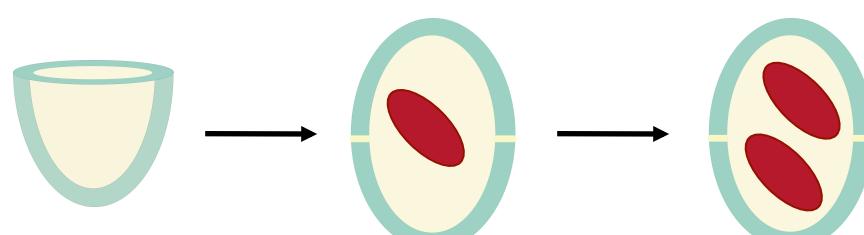
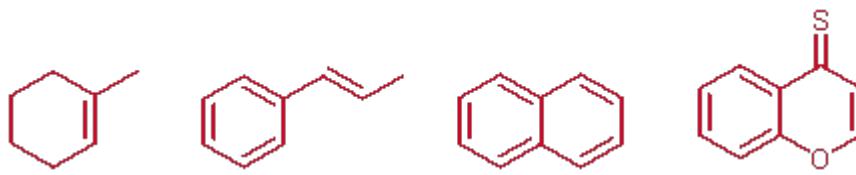
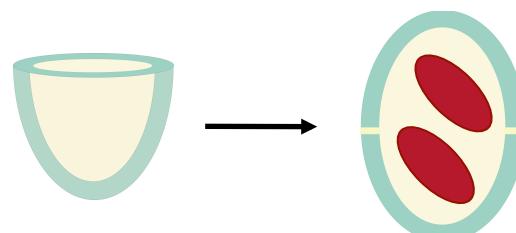
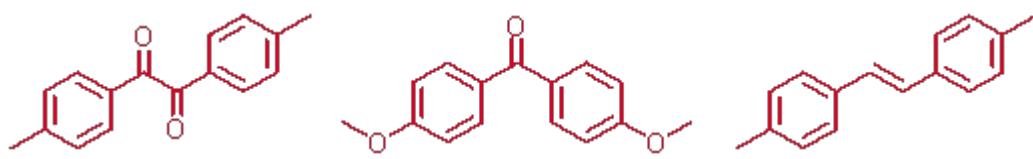
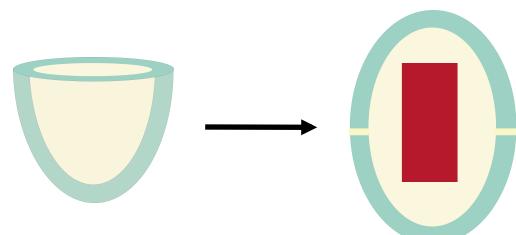
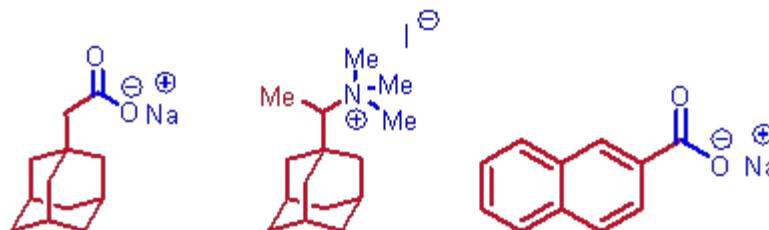
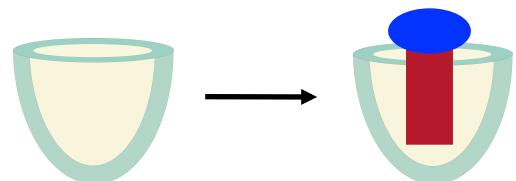
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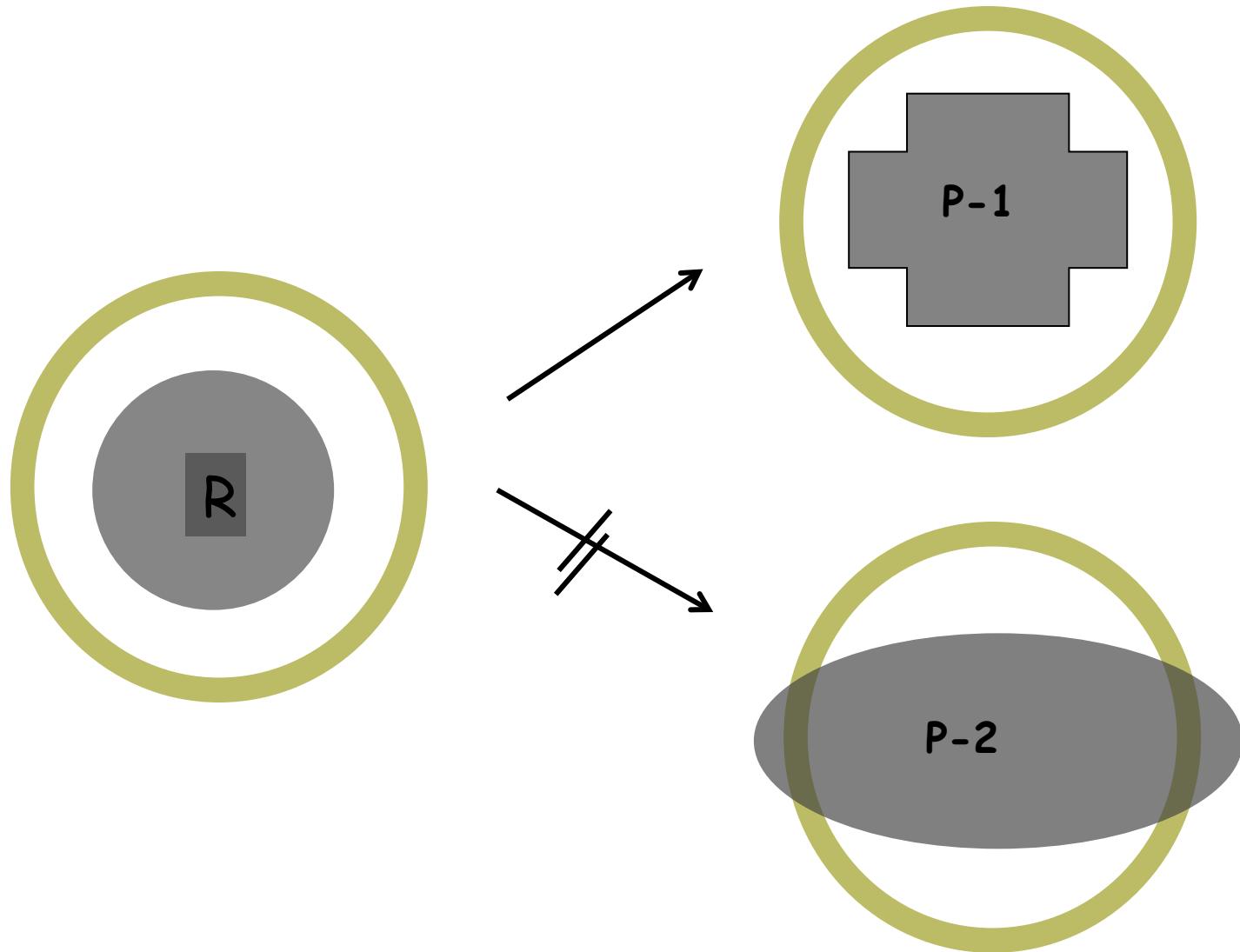
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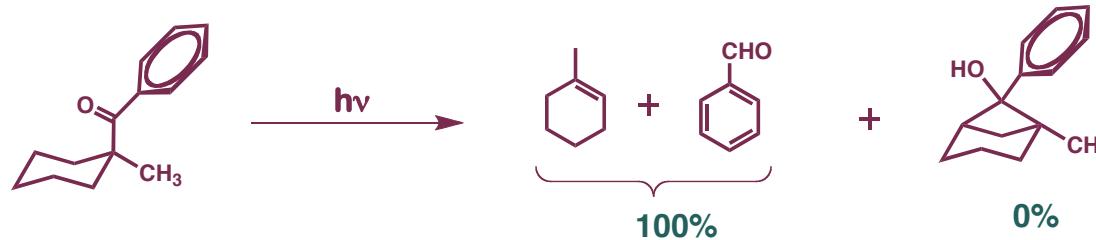
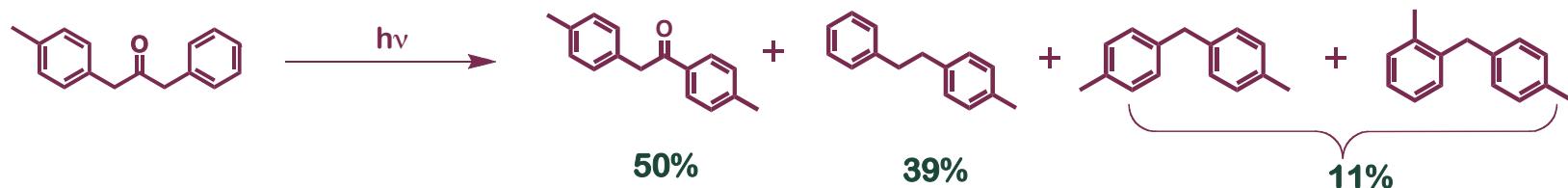
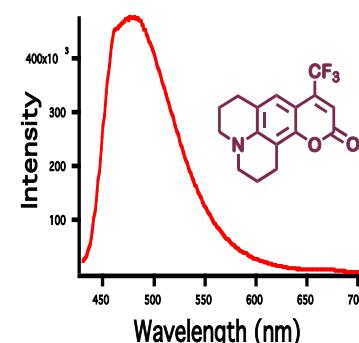
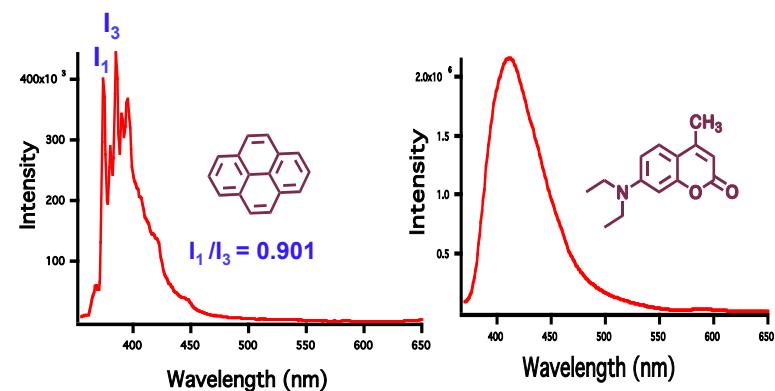
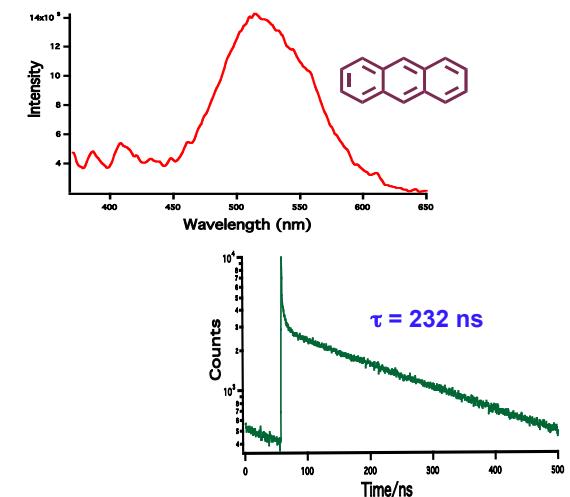
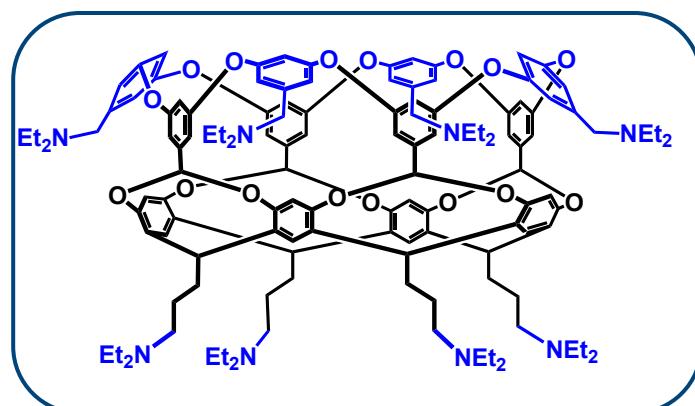
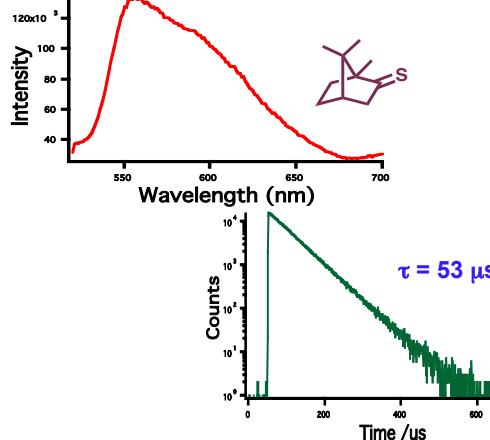
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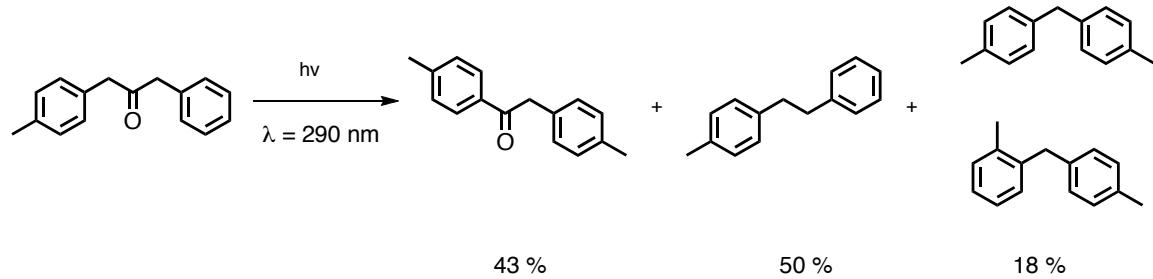
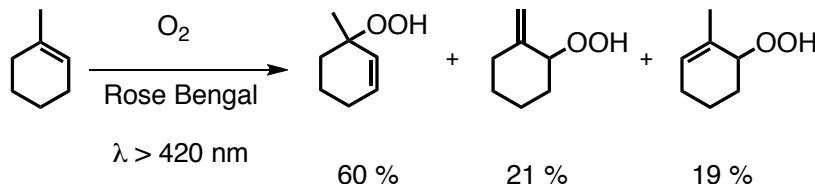
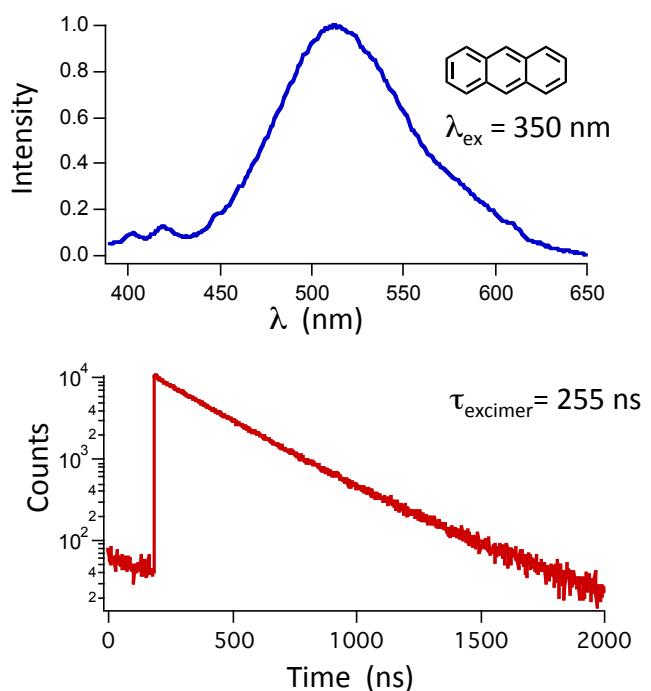
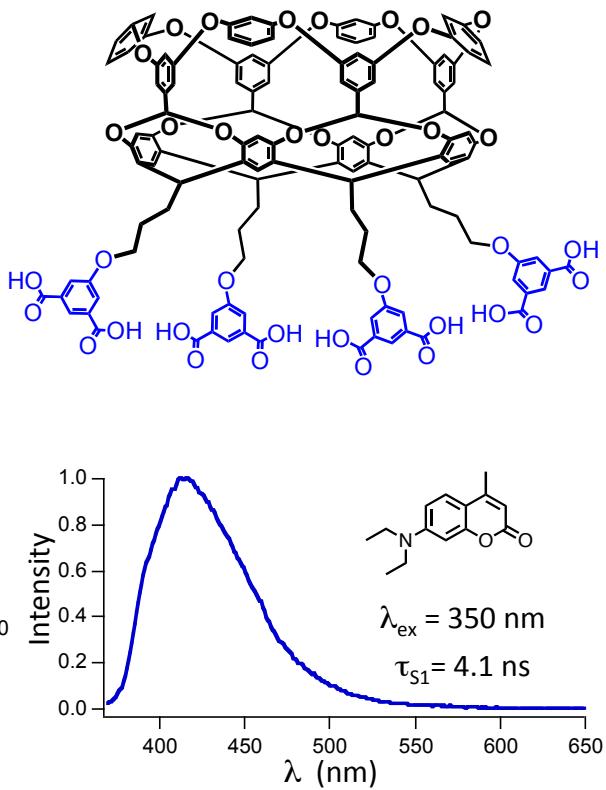
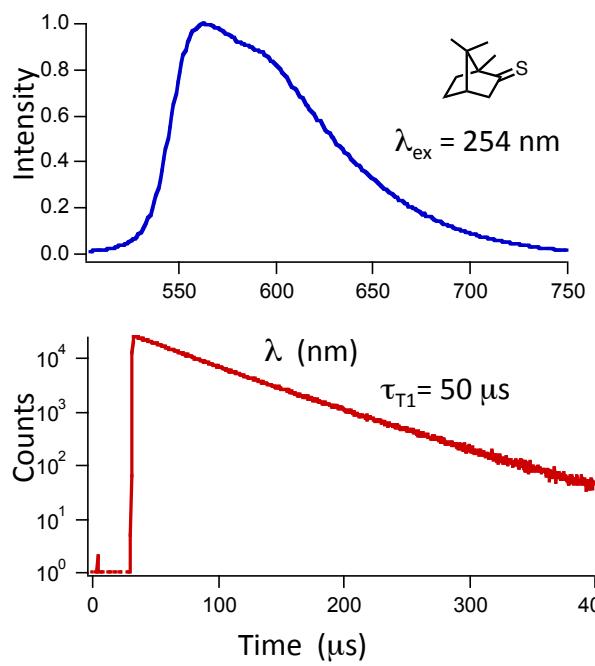
# Supramolecular Host-Guest Complexes



## Role of Free Space: Product Must Fit the Reaction Cavity









**Prof. Turro**



**Prof. Ottaviani**



**Dr. Jockusch**



**Prof. Gibbs**



# Exploiting C-H --- $\pi$ Interaction

