Supramolecular Photochemistry

Controlling photocycloadditions through pre-organization and templatation

Concept

Examples

In the absence of control photoaddition leads to multiple products



- Multiple products with different stereo and regiochemistry possible (assuming no electronic or steric preference).
- Pre-organization is essential to achieve selectivity. The cost for selectivity should be pre-paid, *i.e.*, system should be entropically prepared.

Supramolecular Containers as Reaction Vessels



Cyclodextrins



Cucurbiturils





Pd Nano Cage

Calixarenes





SDS / CTAC







Dendrimers NaCh / NaDCh



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Water soluble polymer

Role of Weak Interactions





 $\pi - - \pi$

Hydrogen bond

Z

Y_0...п





Charge transfer

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Weak interactions often utilized in templation

Examples of weak intermolecular bonds (typical energies vary from <1 kcal mol⁻¹ to ~ 10 kcal mol⁻¹



Photochemistry in Solid State



Photoreactions in Crystals

(Stobbe, Ber., 1922, 55, 2225; de Jong, Ber., 1922, 55, 463)







L. Ruzika

"A crystal is a chemical cemetery" Nobel Laureate L. Ruzika (1930s)

Photodimerization of *trans*-Cinnamic acids



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G. M. J. Schmidt

Templation through Cl---Cl interaction: Crystal engineering



Templation through Cl---Cl interaction



Templation through ionic interaction





Templation through ionic interaction





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Stilbazoles not oriented suitably for photodimerization



Thiourea as a Template: Importance of hydrogen bonding







Stilbazole not oriented suitably for photodimerization





Stilbazole



Stilbazole + HCl







Photochemistry in Water



Interface helps to orient molecules



systems in water.

Solution, crystals

Templation in water with the help of a micelle



P. de Mayo



Templation in water with the help of an organized assembly





Templation in water with the help of an organized assembly





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A comparison of cavity dimensions of cyclodextrins and cucurbit[n]urils

		Cavity Diameter Å	Type of CD	
	α -D-glucopyranoside unit	4.7–5.3	a-CD	
		6.0–6.5	β-CD	
		7.5–8.3	γ-CD	
Cycloc				

	CB[5]	CB[6]	CB[7]	CB[8]
portal diameter (Å)	2.4	3.9	5.4	6.9
cavity diameter (Å)	4.4	5.8	7.3	8.8
cavity volume (Å3)	82	164	279	479
outer diameter (Å)	13.1	14.4	16.0	17.5
height (Å)	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1



Glycouril unit

Templation with the help of an organic host: Cyclodextrins





Oligosaccharides consisting of 6 or more a-1,4-linked D-glucose units

Volume (Å³): 176 (α), 346 (β), 510 (γ)

Dia at the larger end (Å): 8.8 (α), 10.8 (β), 12.0 (γ)



Templation with cucurbiturils



Anti head-tail



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trans-Cinnamic acids that are photo inactive in solid state (y-form)



trans-Cinnamic acids that yield anti H-T dimer upon irradiation in solid state (α -form)



















Top-¹H NMR of O-methoxy cinnamate in D₂O
Bottom- ¹H NMR of encapsulated O-methoxy cinnamate in Pd-Nanocage (0.5 eq.)



Photochemistry of Coumarins



syn-HH 2



anti-HH 3













Channels as reaction vessels in the solid state



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Selective photodimerization of coumarin



anti-HH product fits well in host

syn-HH does not fit in channel.