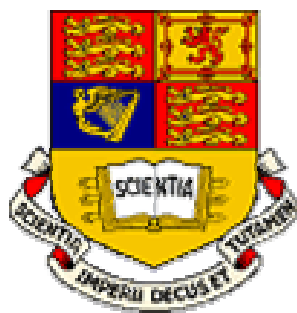


# *Supramolecular Chemistry of Nanomaterials*

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*Lecture 2 – Self-assembly*



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## *Topics to be covered in the course:*

- 1 - Introduction (definition of terms, etc.)
- 2 – Self-assembly
- 3 – Nano-capsules for delivery and reactions
- 4 – Supramolecular Switches
- 5 – Molecular Machines
- 6 – Self assembly on surfaces
- 7 – Supramolecular chemistry of polymeric materials

# *Self-assembly*

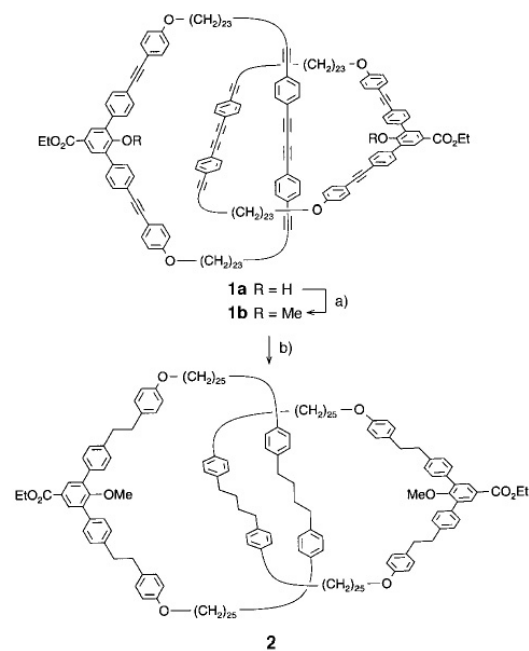
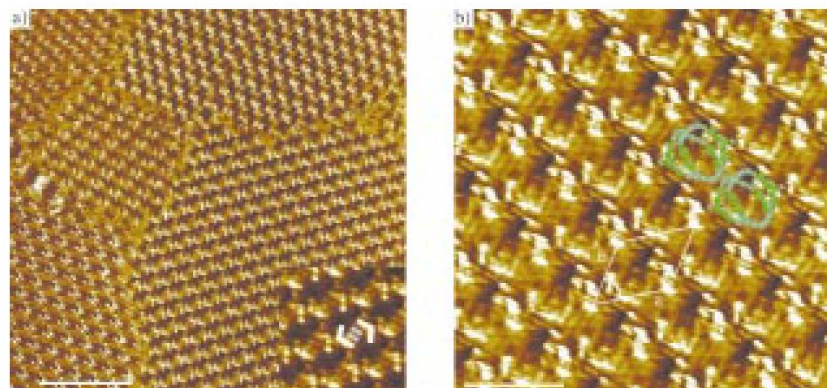
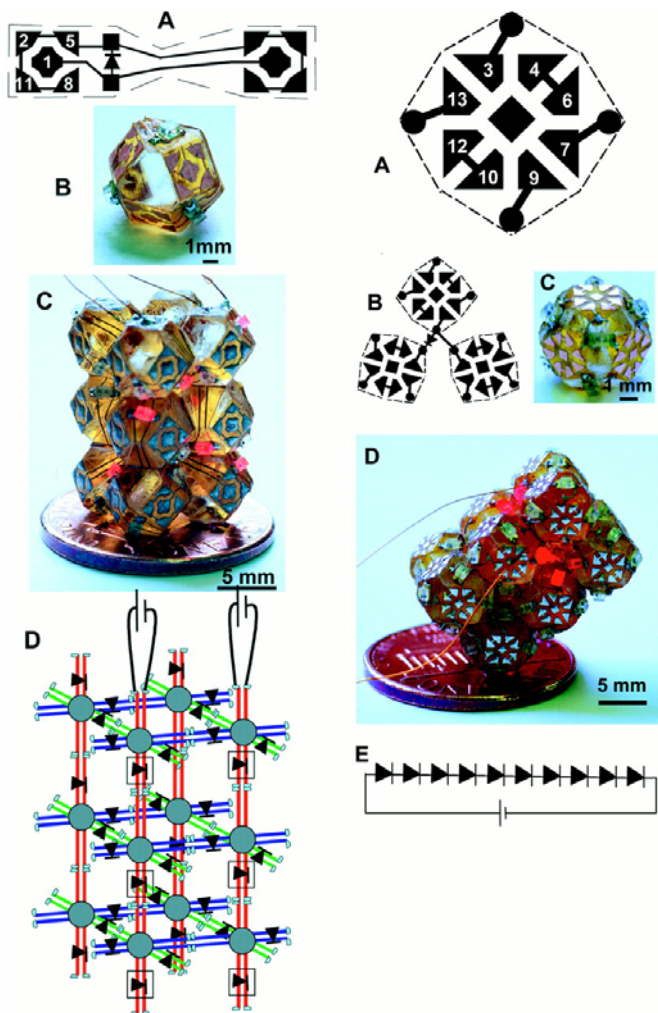
- Non-metal involving strategies
  - Solution
    - Rotaxanes
    - Catenanes
    - Other interlocked molecules
    - 1-dimensional structures
  - Solid state
    - Monolayers
    - 3-dimensional structures

## *Literature*

- Acc. Chem. Res. 2001, 34 (6).
- Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 2002, 99 (8).



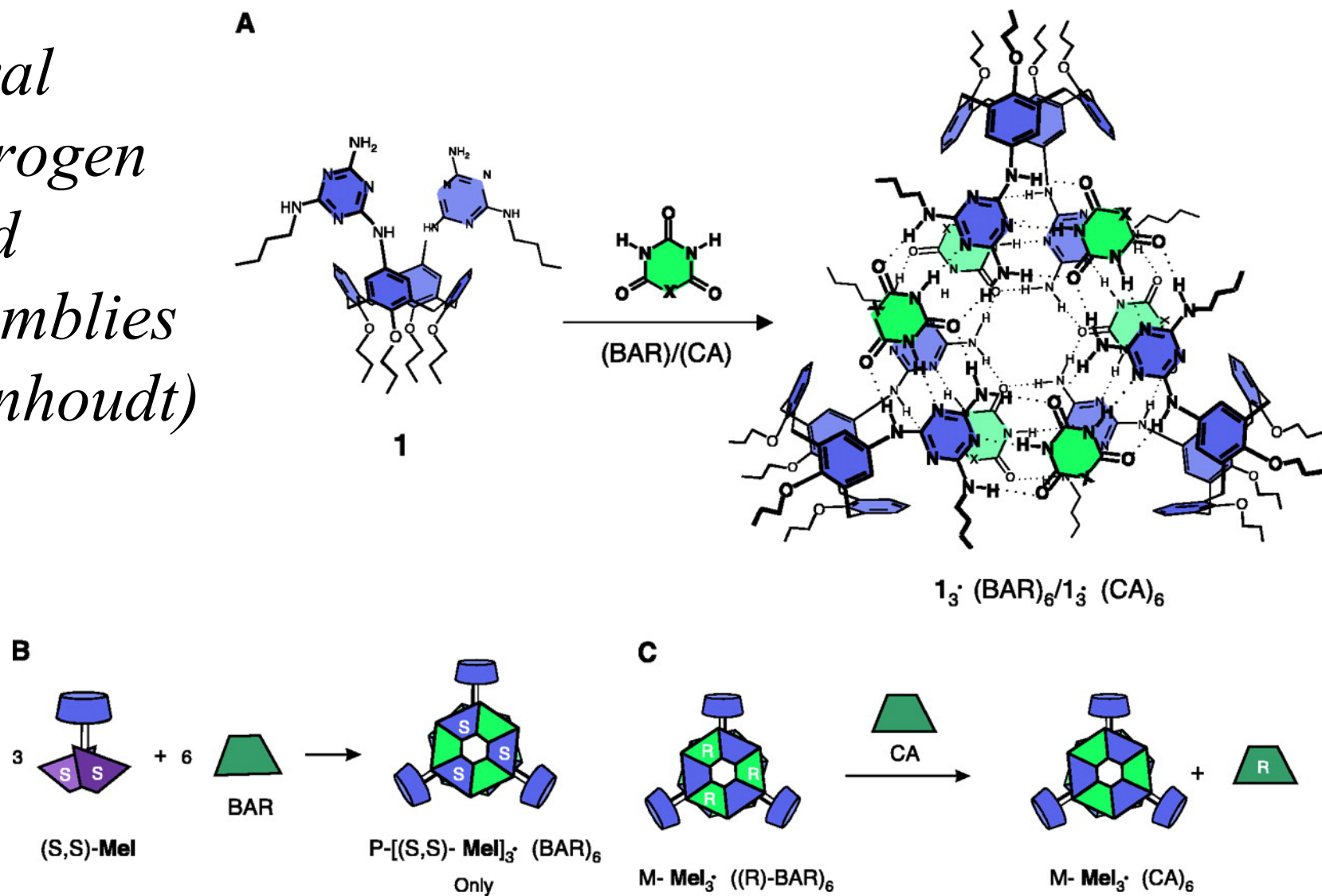
# Self-assembly



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# Chiral Hydrogen Bond Assemblies (Reinhoudt)



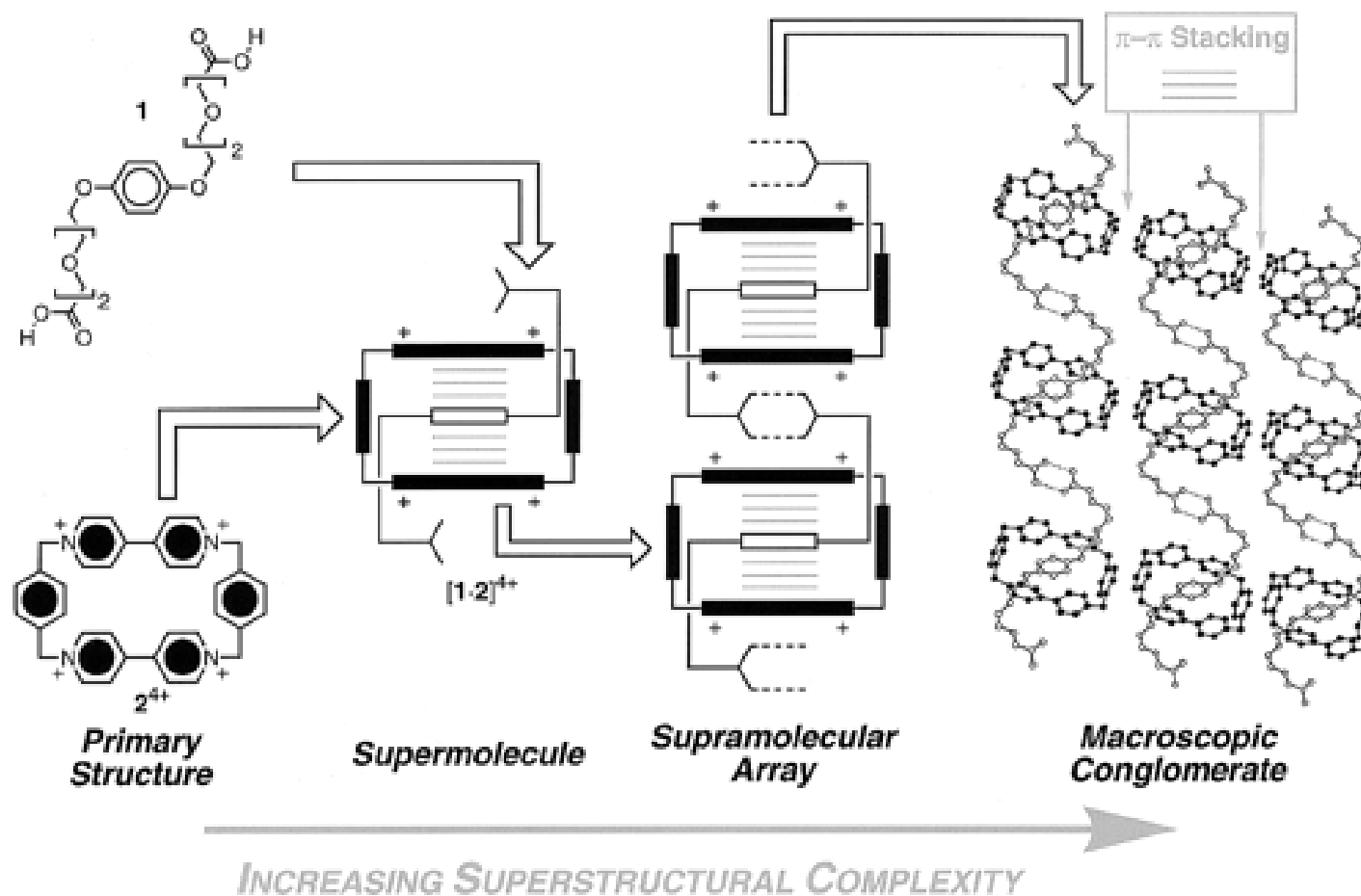
(A) Formation of noncovalent chiral assemblies with general composition  $1_3 \cdot (\text{DEB})_6$  and  $1_3 \cdot (\text{CA})_6$ .

(B) Schematic representation of diastereoselective noncovalent synthesis.

(C) Noncovalent synthesis of an enantiomerically pure hydrogen-bonded assembly.

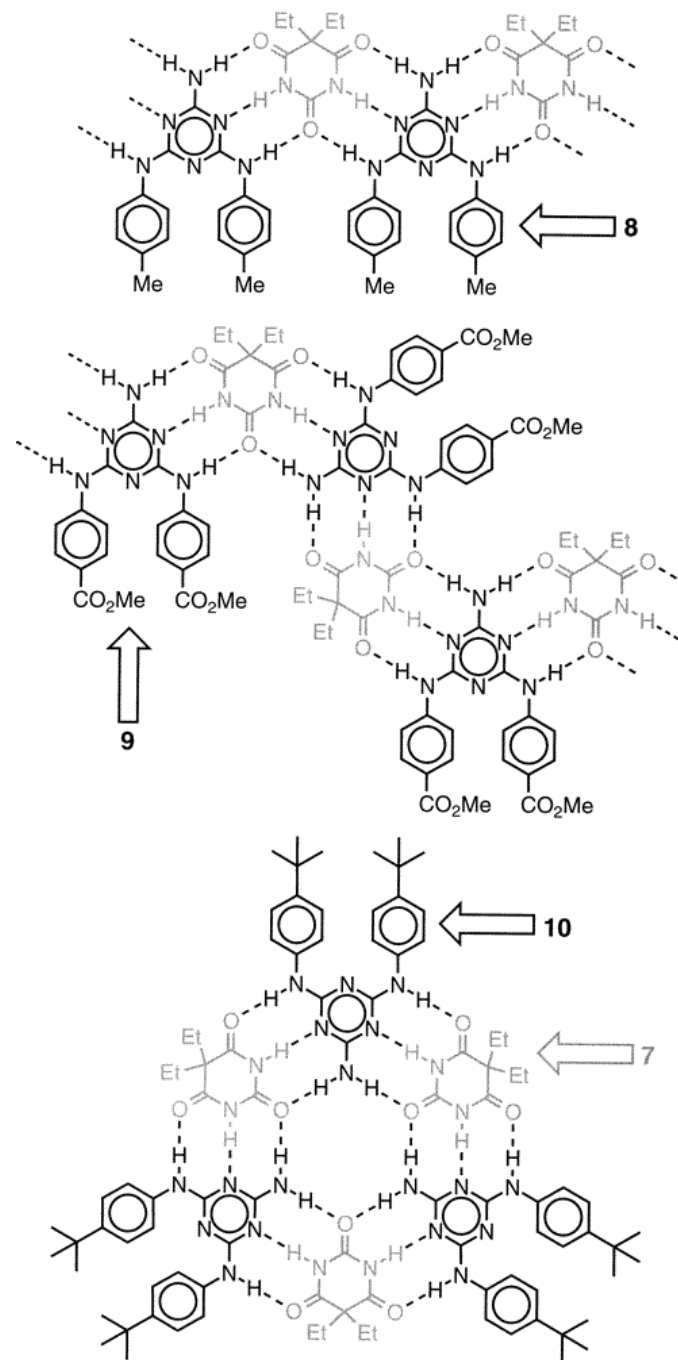
# Supramolecular Hierarchy

- Supramolecular hierarchy illustrated using rotaxane[1·2]<sup>4+</sup>



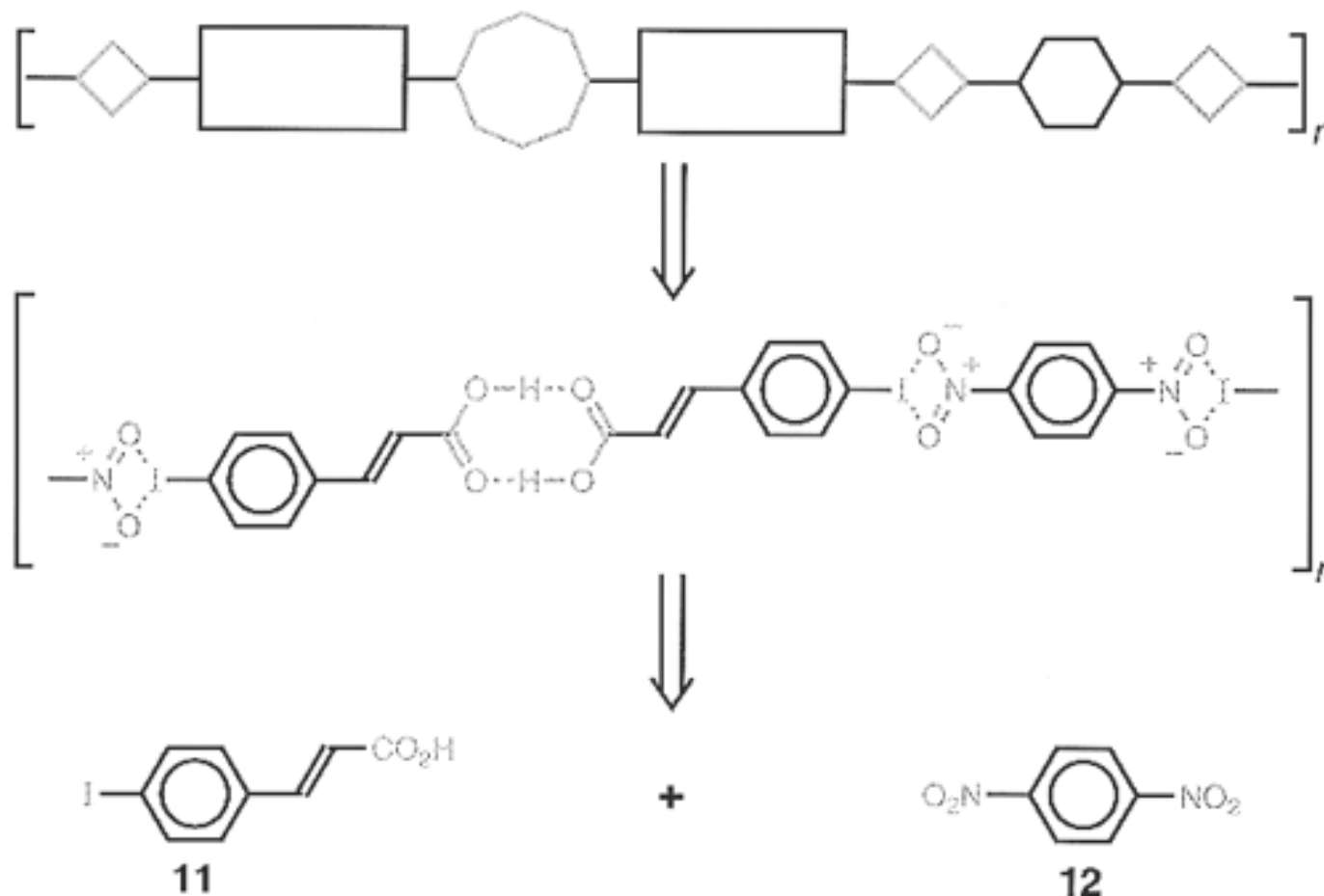
# Self-assembly of Molecular Sheets

- Wide range of supramolecular architectures that can be created using the barbituric acid (gray)-melamine (black) couple.



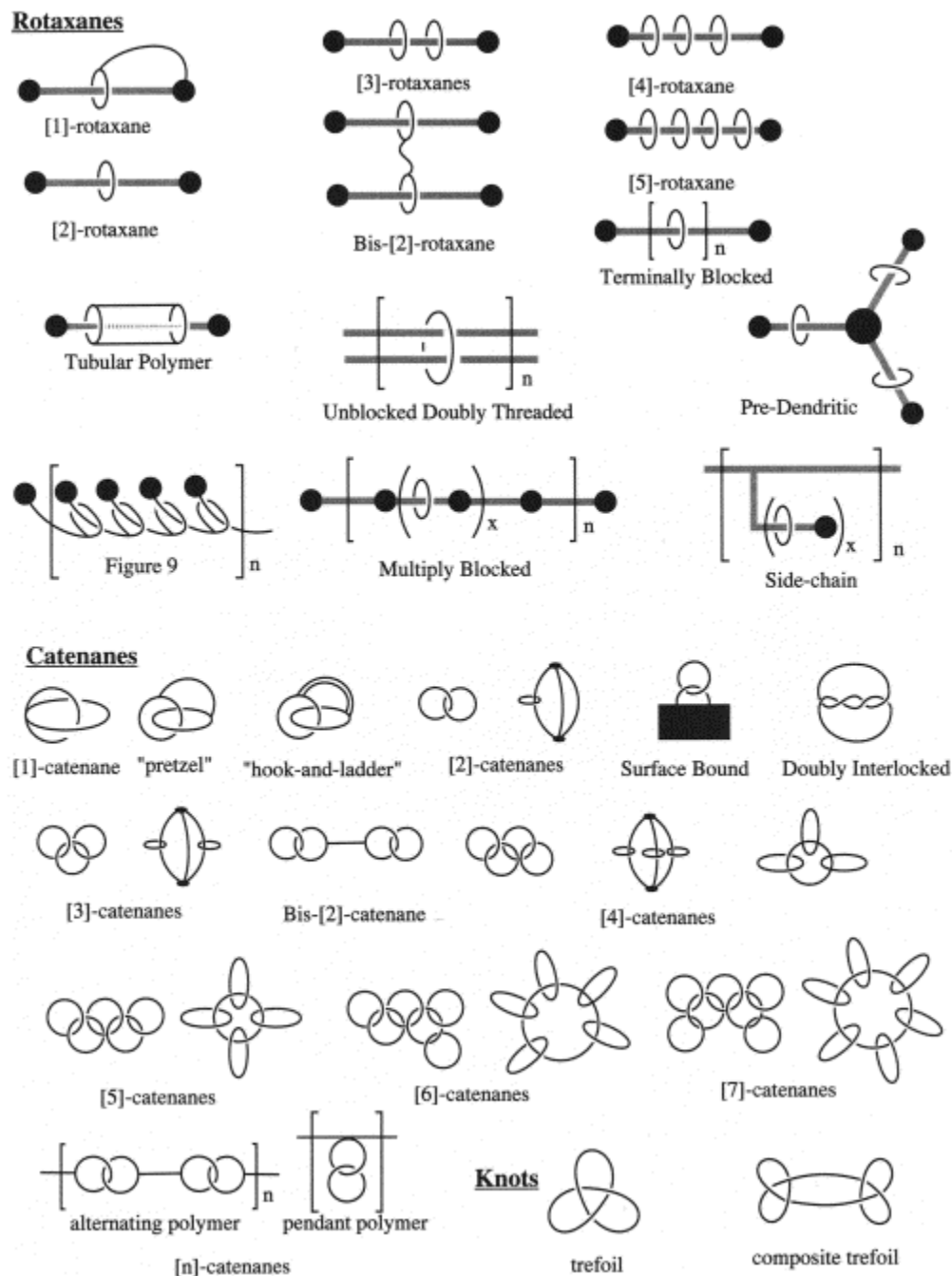
# Linear Tape

- "Retrosynthetic Analysis" of the Linear Tape [11·12]



# Rotaxanes Catenanes and Knots

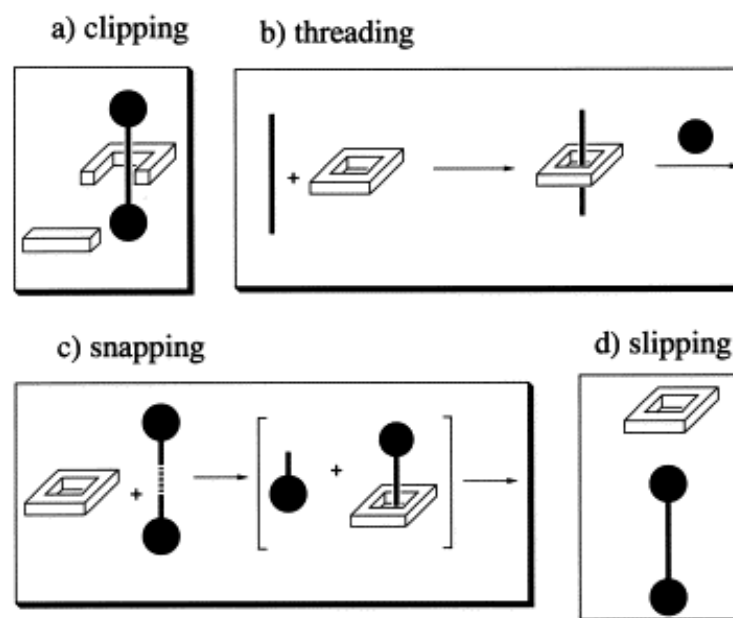
- The various interlocked structures which have resulted from template syntheses: rotaxanes, catenanes, and knots.



# *Synthetic Strategies for Rotaxanes*

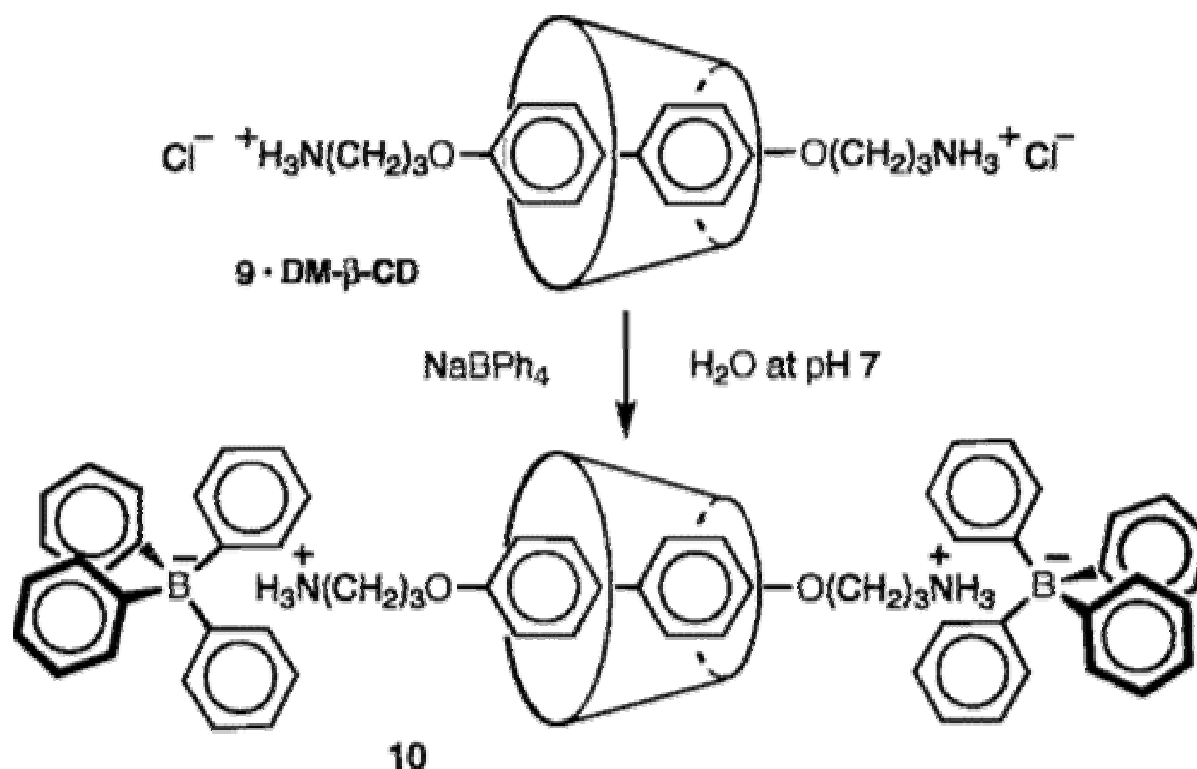
Various approaches to rotaxane formation

- (a) clipping
- (b) threading
- (c) snapping
- (d) slipping



## Template Directed – Ionic Stopping

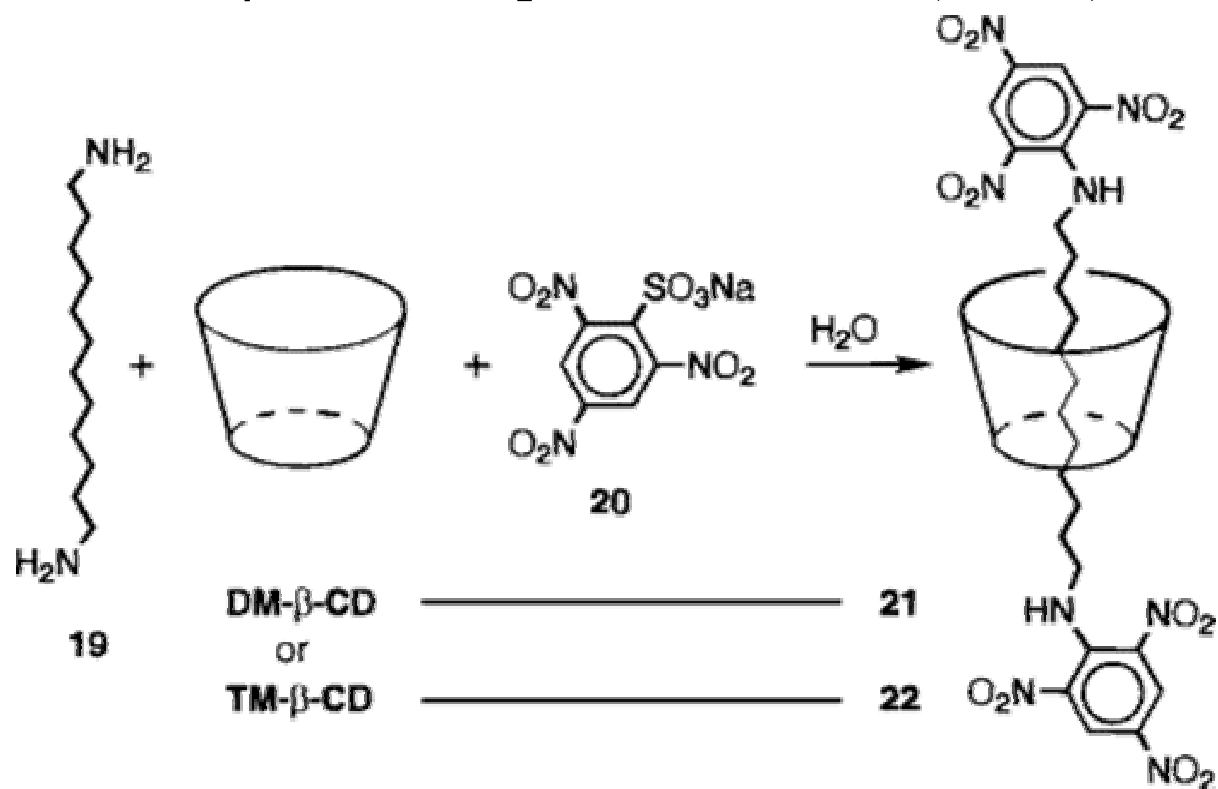
- Template-directed self-assembly of a [2]rotaxane in aqueous media.





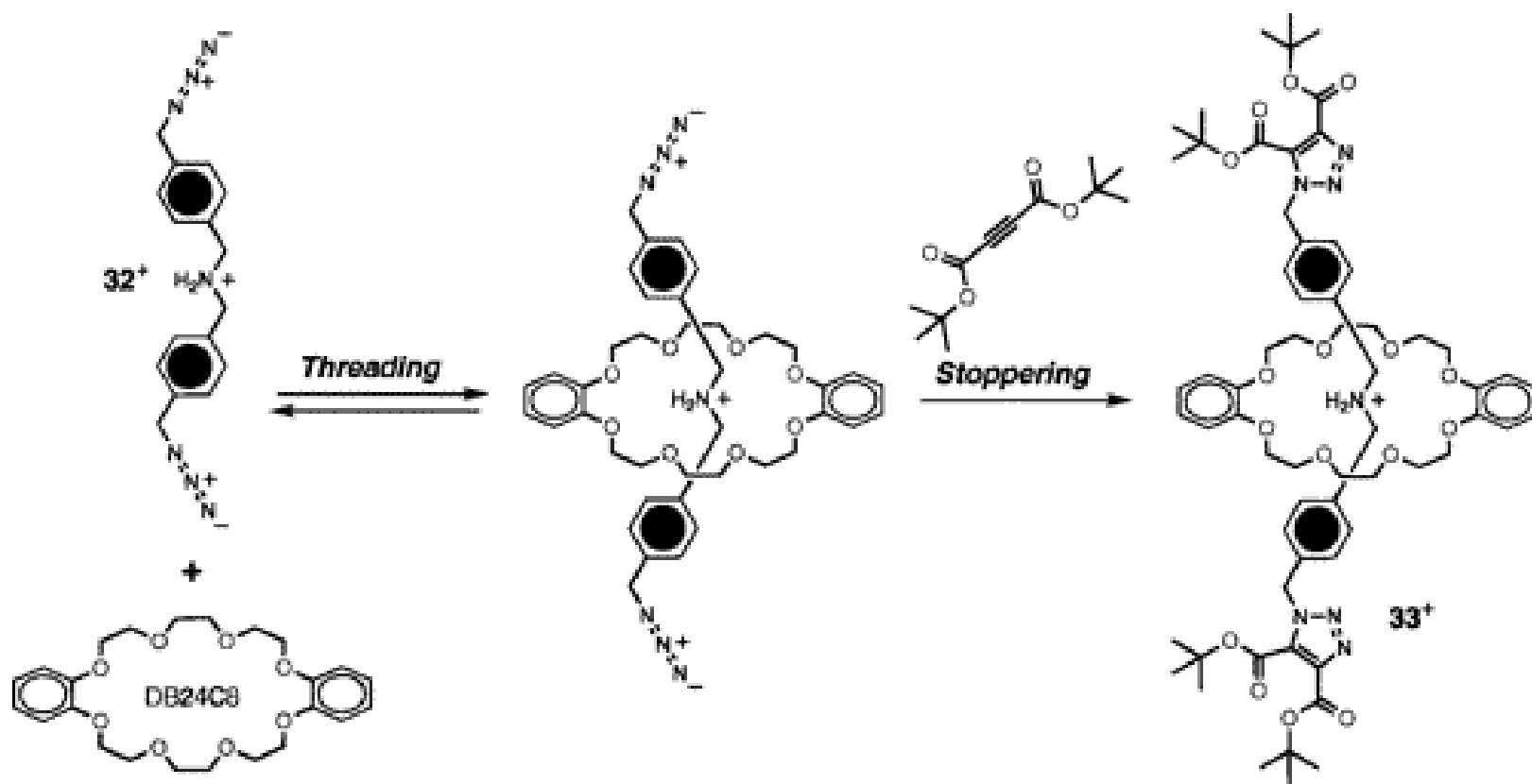
## Template Directed – Covalent Stoppering

- Self-assembly of two [2]rotaxanes incorporating **DM- $\beta$ -CD** and **TM- $\beta$ -CD** in aqueous solution (1997!).



# Templated Threading – Covalent Stoppering

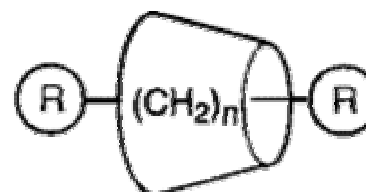
- Synthesis of the [2]rotaxane  $33^+$  via a "Threading-Followed-by-Stoppering" approach



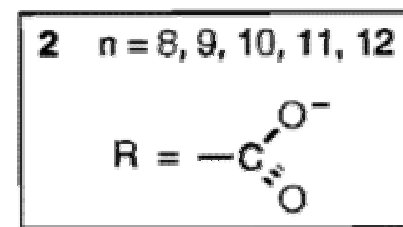
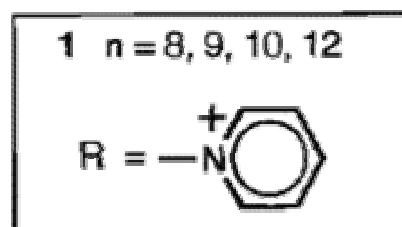
# Influence of Spacer Length

- (a) Pseudorotaxanes built up from **CD** and linear guests in the form of oligomethylene chains as binding sites.
- (b) Schematic representation of the energy profile for the complexation/decomplexation process for **CD** as it relates to the NMR site exchange process observed for the "symmetrical" guest bound within the cavity of the "unsymmetrical" **CD** ring.
- Free energy of activation for the site exchange process increases with the number ( $n$ ) of  $\text{CH}_2$  groups ( $n = 8-12$ ) and reaches an asymptotic value at ca.  $17.2 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ .

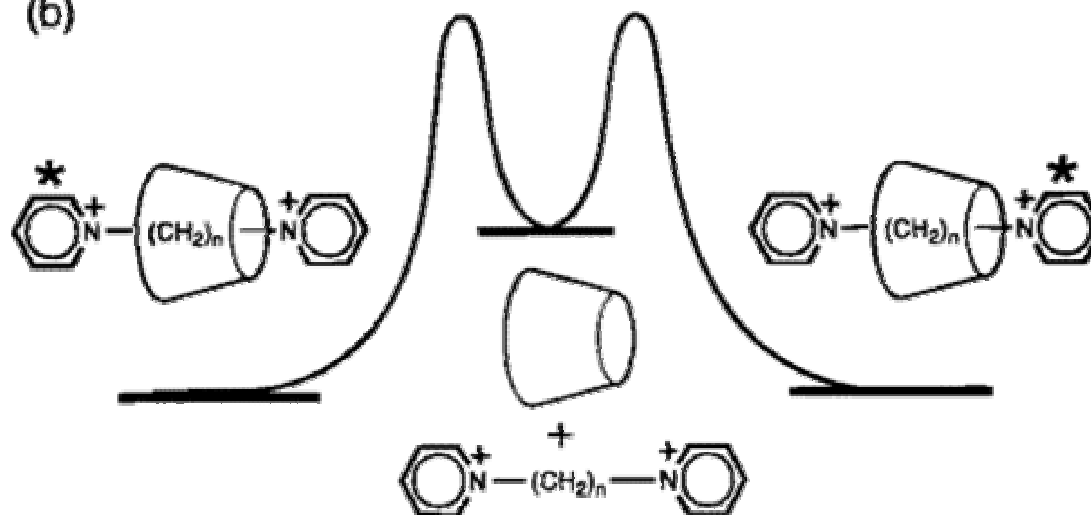
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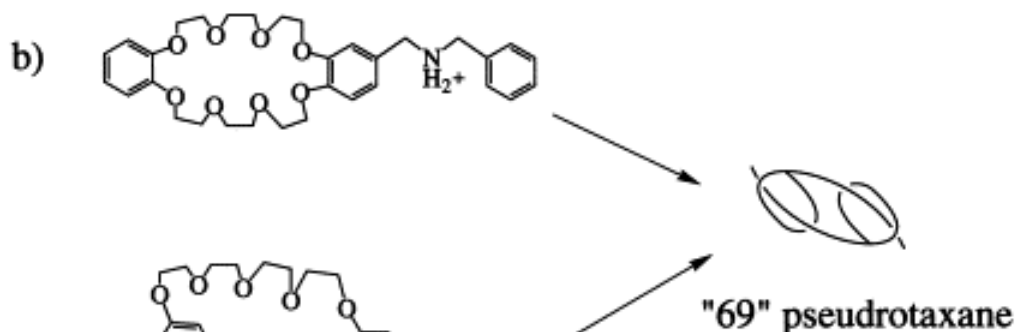
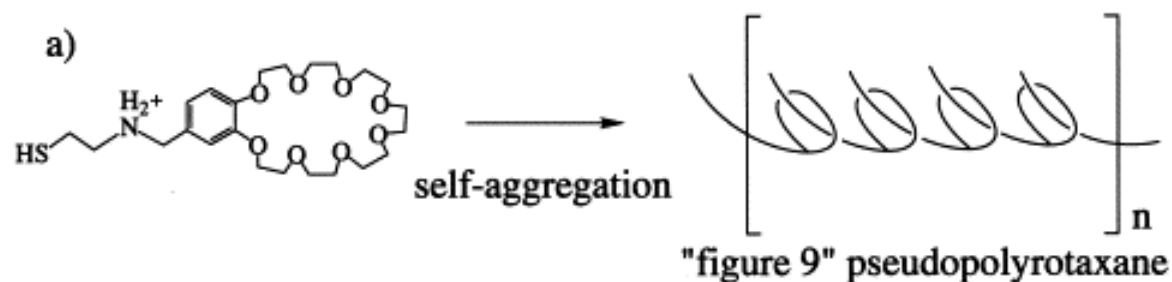
1- $\alpha$ -**CD** and 2- $\alpha$ -**CD**



(b)



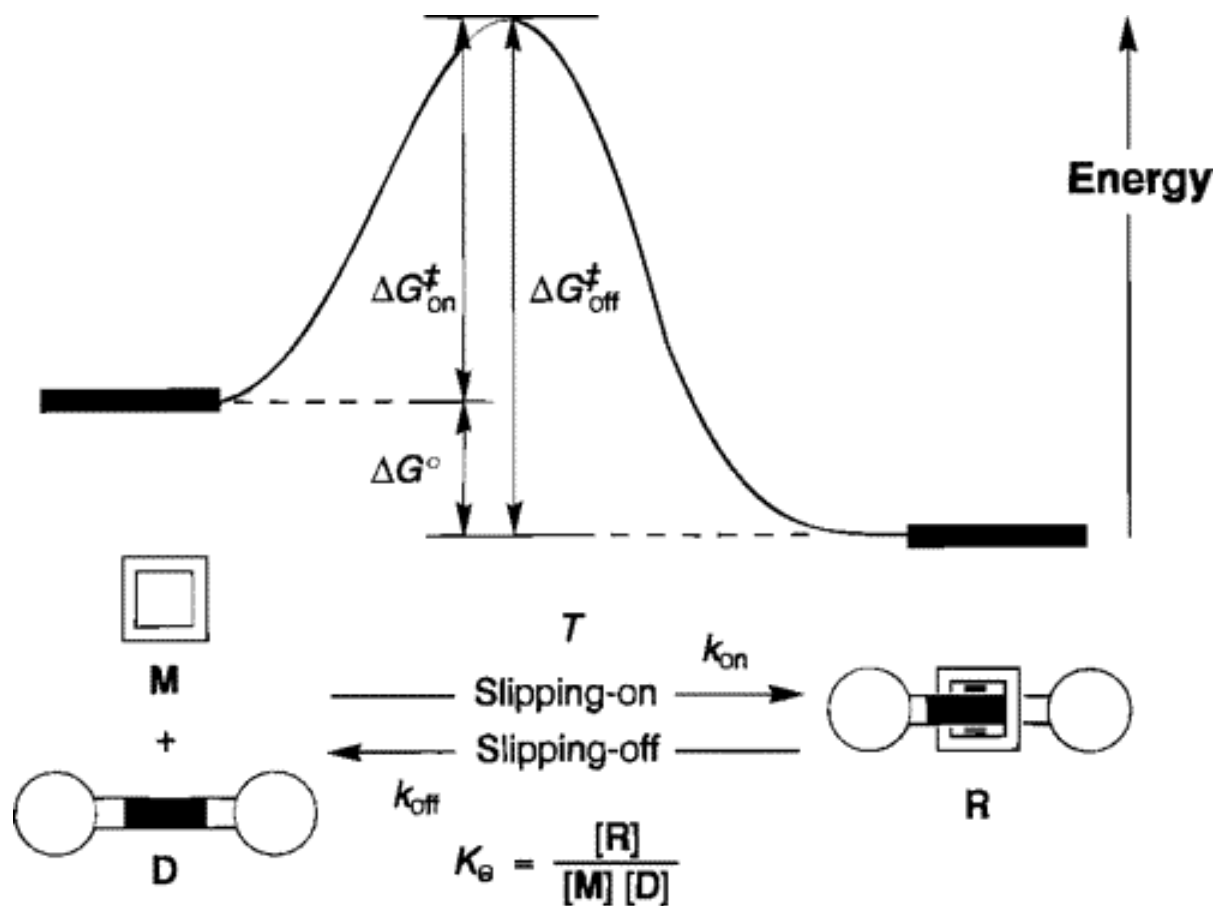
# Daisy Chains



- Development of the figure 9 polyrotaxane concept
- (a) Kolchinski and Busch's original figure 9 pseudopolyrotaxane
- (b) and (c) Stoddart's attempts at figure 9 polyrotaxanes have yielded a new motif, the 69 dimer,
- (d) Gibson's figure 9 precursor.

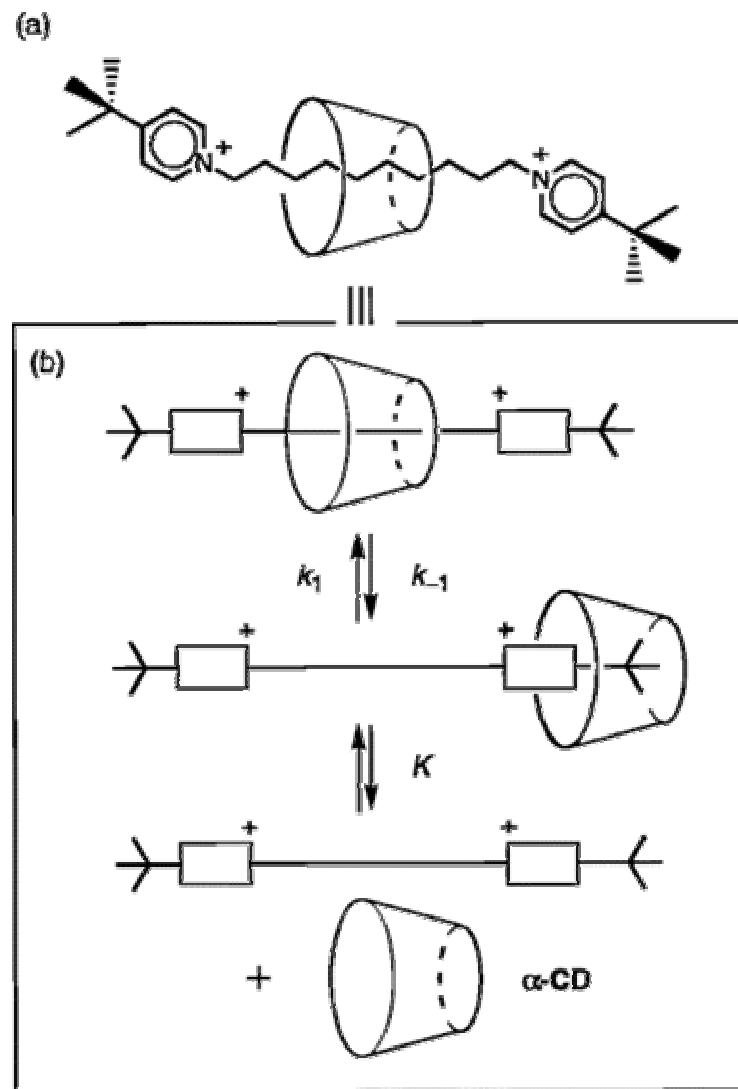
# *Slipping Approach - Thermodynamics*

Schematic illustration of the slipping approach to rotaxanes.

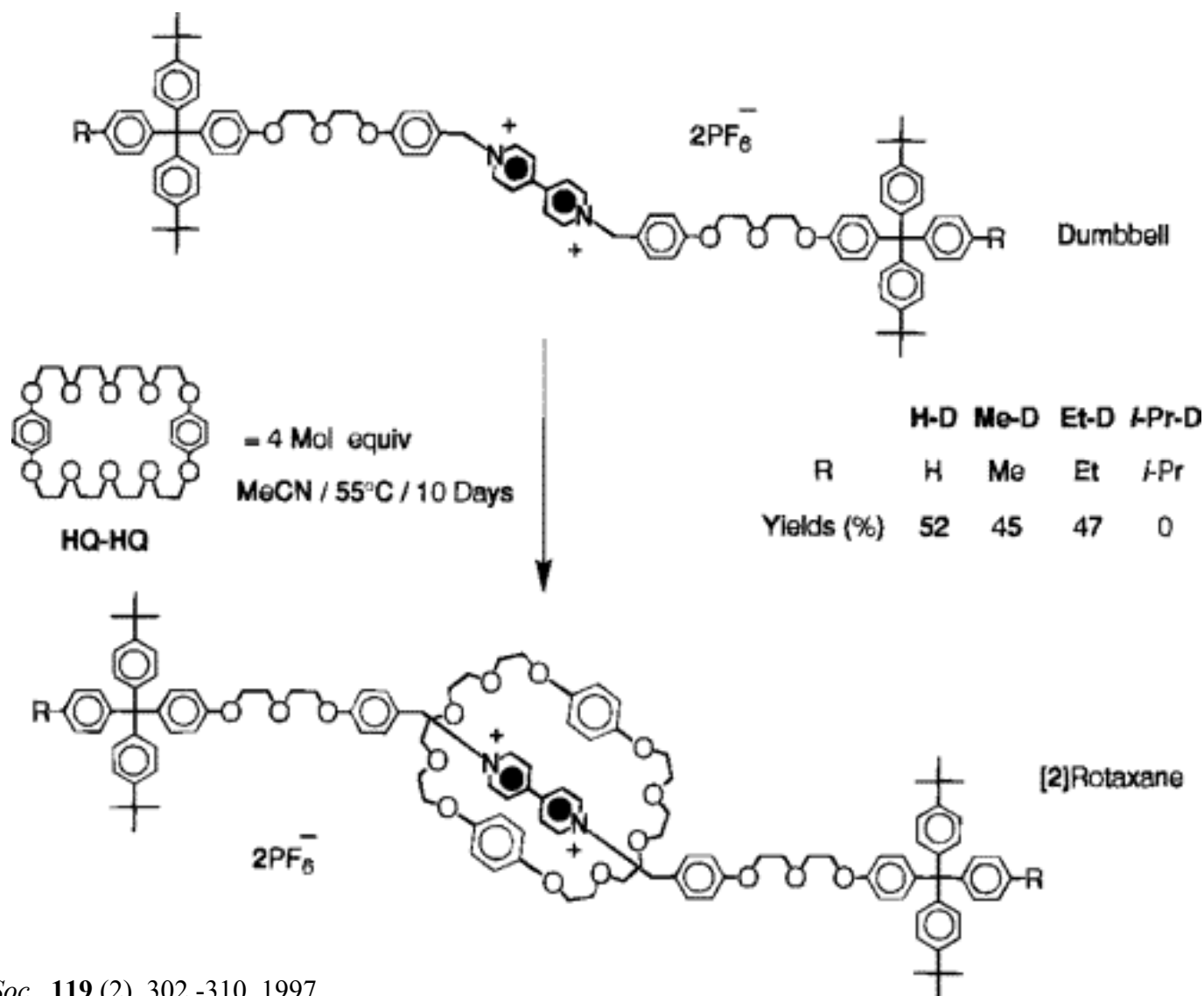


# Slippage

- (a) **CD**-based rotoxane prepared using the "slippage" procedure
- (b) Scheme proposed for the "slippage" mechanism to account for the kinetics of the formation of the [2]pseudorotaxane, shown in (Note that the association constant  $K_a = k_1 K / k_{-1}$ ).

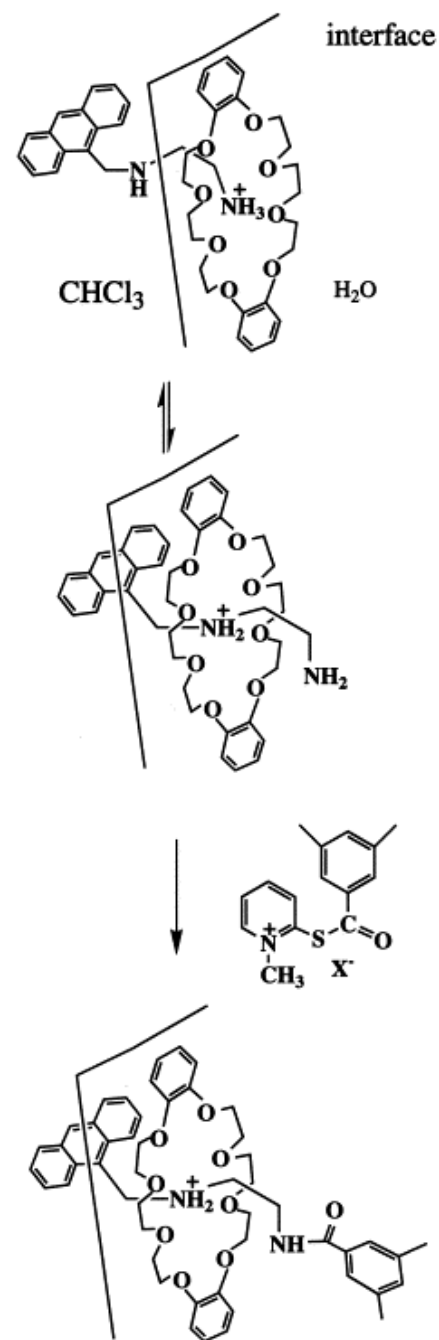


# Slipping Approach - Selectivity



# Relay Threading

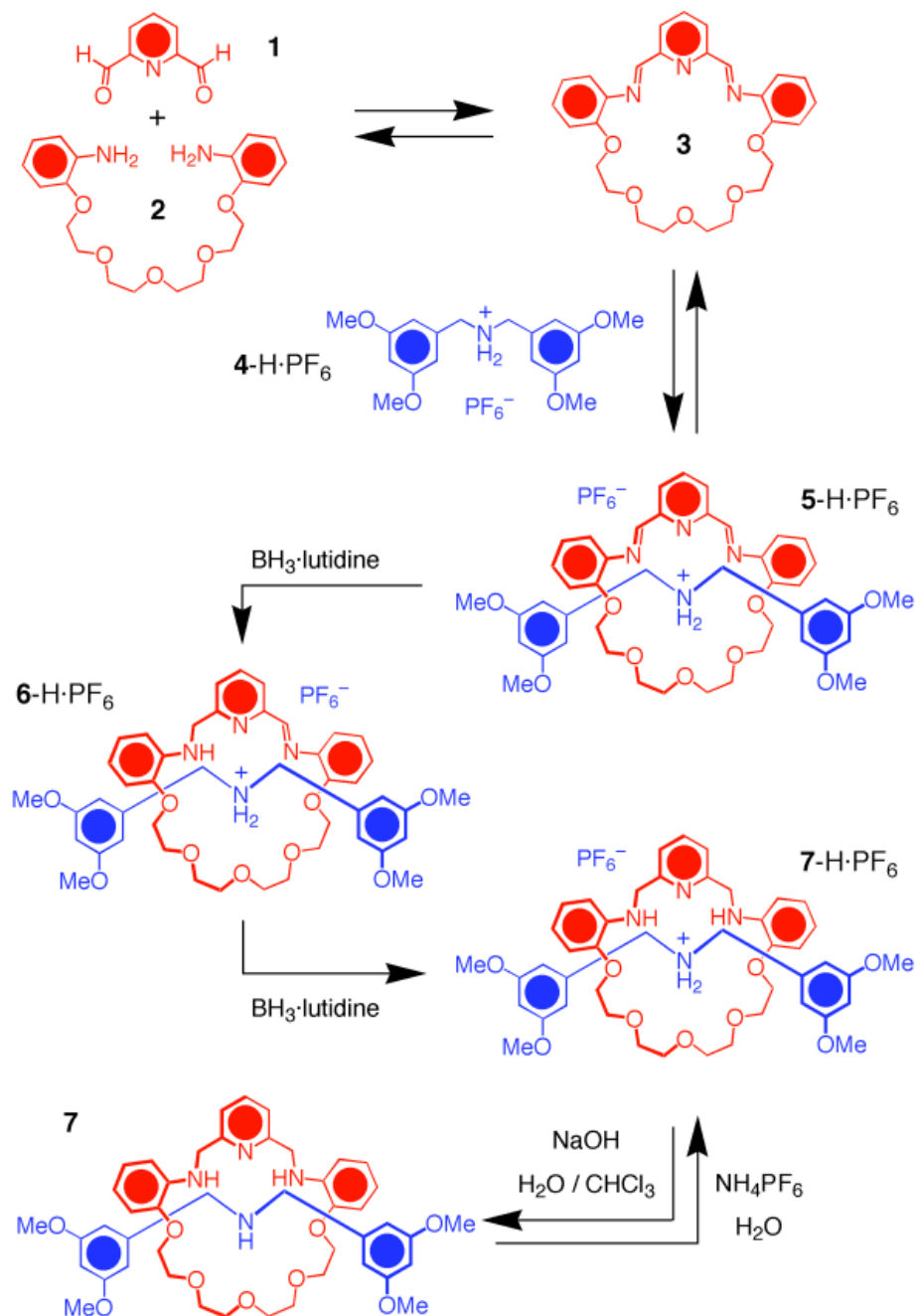
- Kolchinski and Busch's use of relay threading and a solvent interface to enhance rotaxane formation.





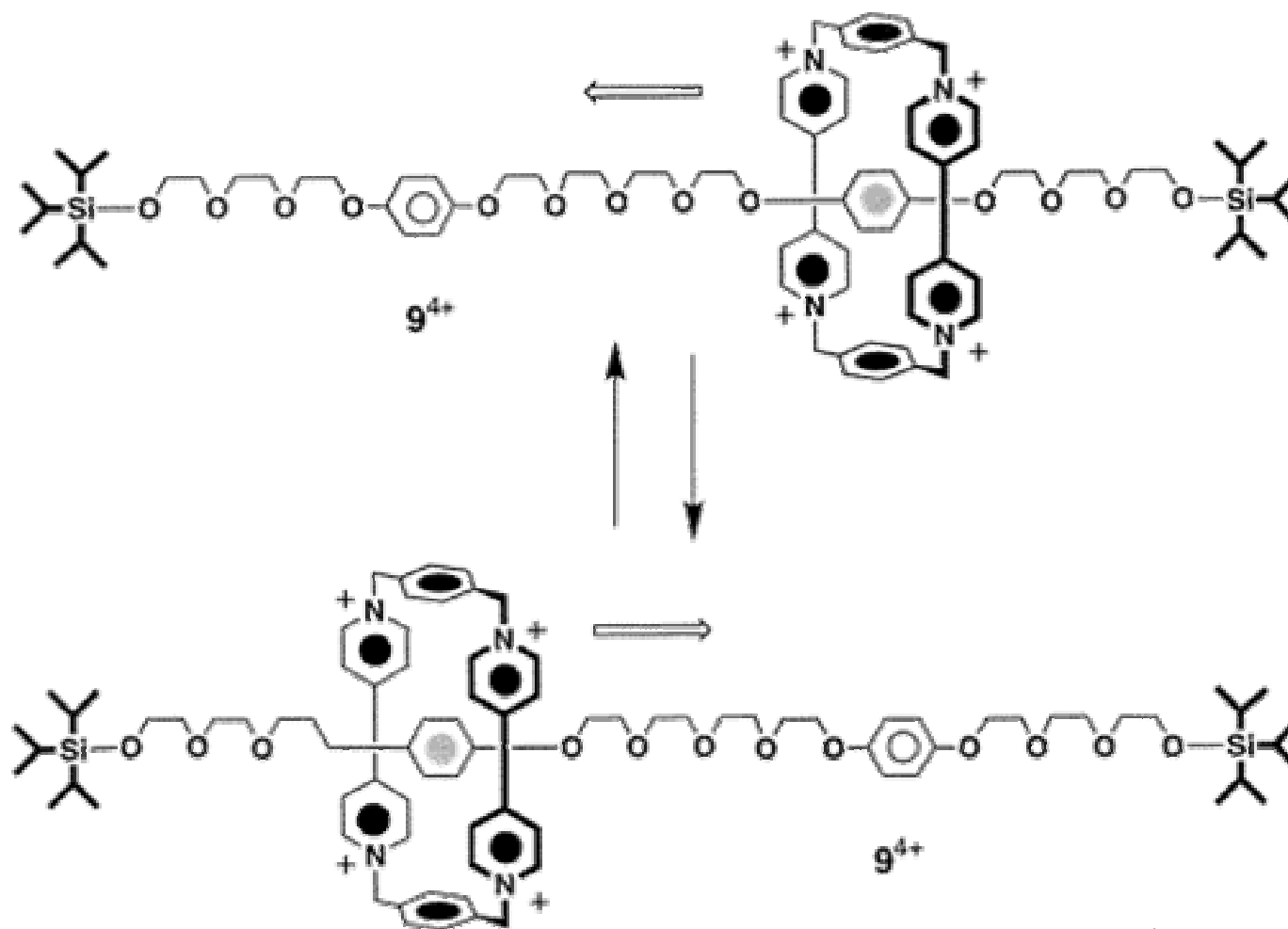
# Clipping - Thermodynamically

Synthesis of the [2]rotaxane **7-H** PF<sub>6</sub> by the clipping of dialdehyde **1** and diamine **2** around the dialkylammonium ion **4-H**<sup>+</sup>, followed by reduction of the imino bonds.

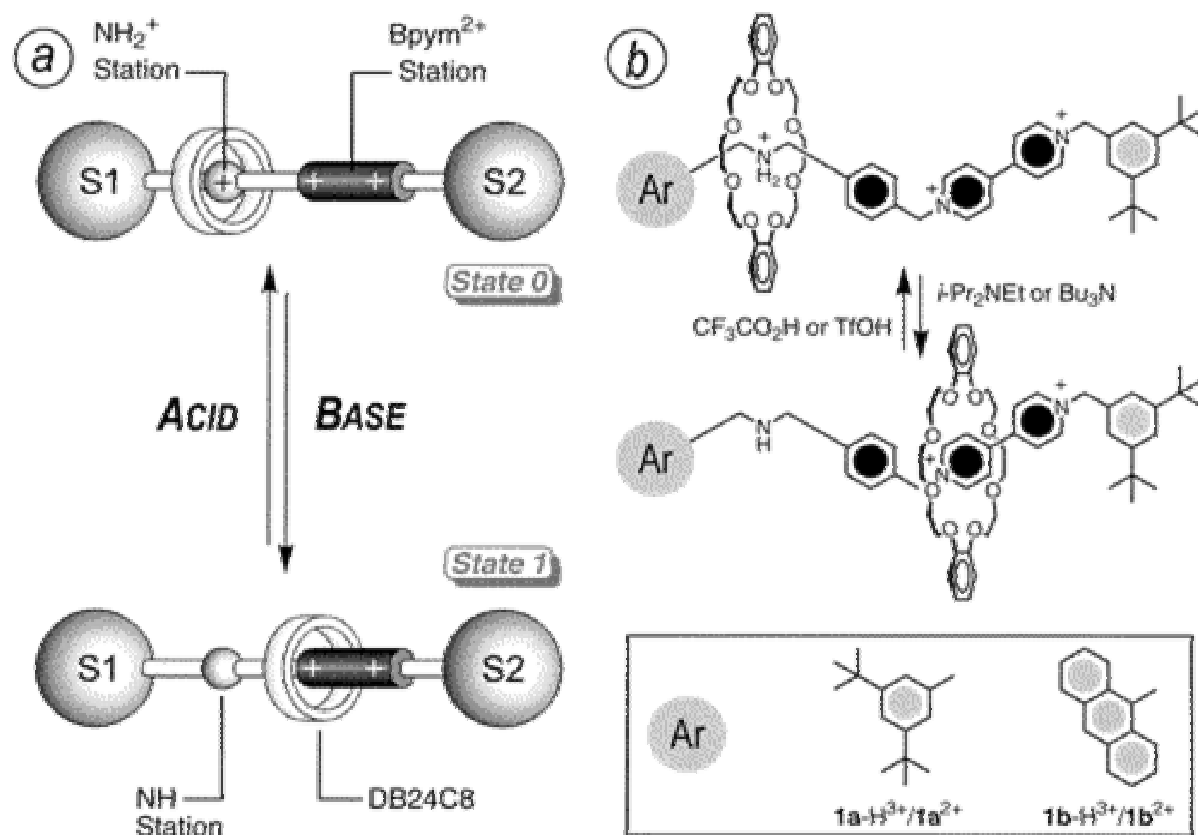


## First Molecular Shuttle

- The first molecular shuttle

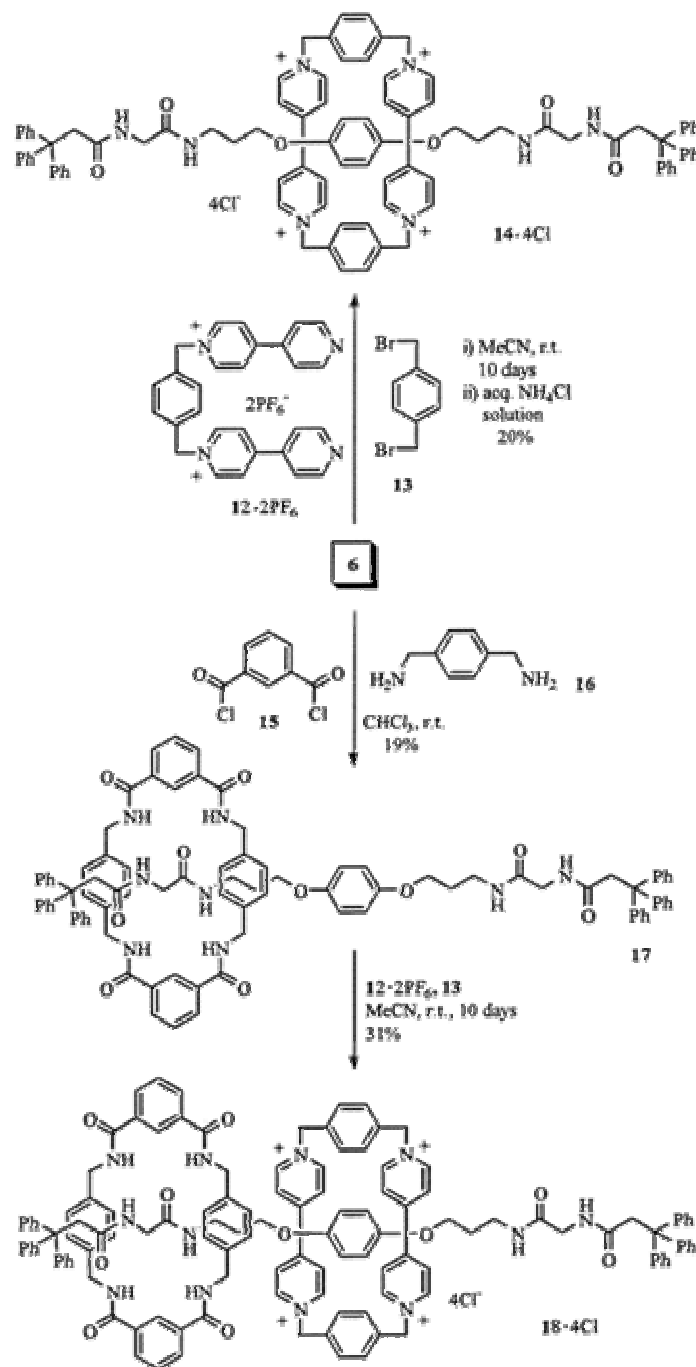


# Acid/Base Shuttle Concept



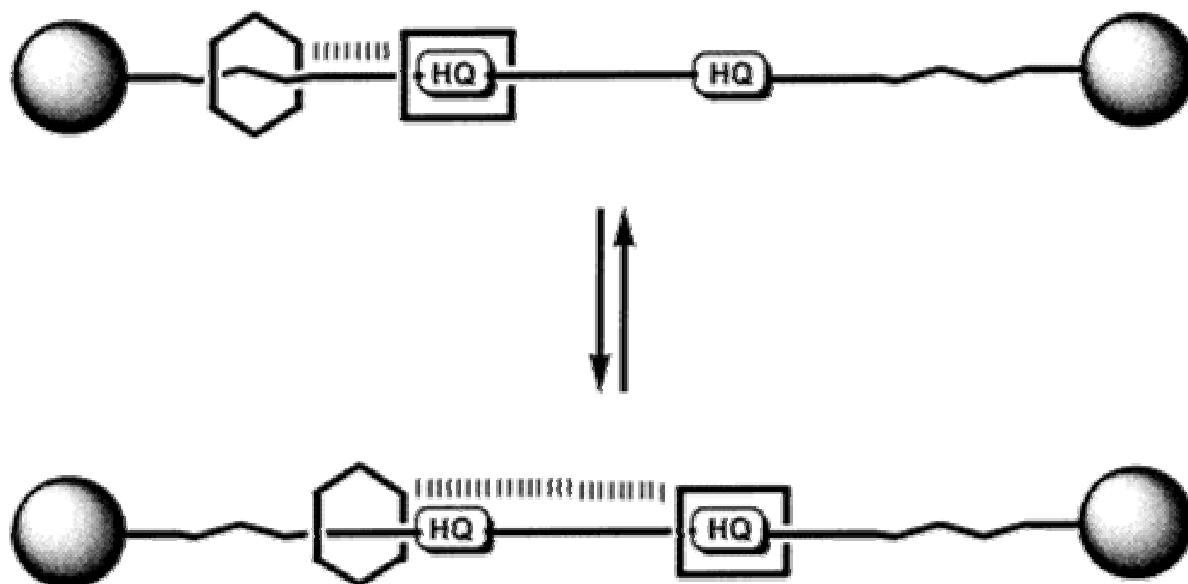
- (a) Cartoon showing an acid-base controllable molecular shuttle. Initially (State 0), the macrocyclic component resides solely on the  $\text{NH}_2^+$  station. After treatment with a nonnucleophilic base, deprotonation coerces the macrocyclic component to move to the  $\text{Bpym}^{2+}$  station (State 1). Addition of acid regenerates the  $\text{NH}_2^+$  center, moving the macrocyclic component back to bind its original station and rendering the switching cycle reversible. (b) Structural formulas of the switchable [2]rotaxanes described here.

# Synthesis of Heterotopic Rotaxanes

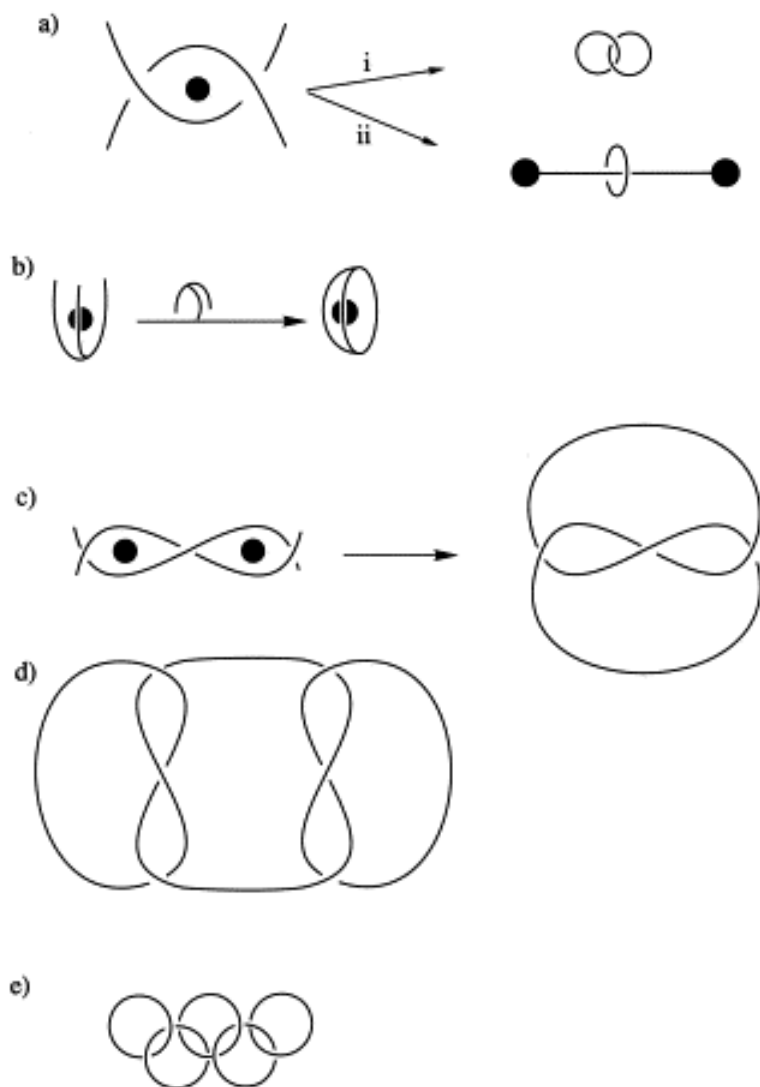


## Mixed Rotaxanes - Shuttling

- The neutral cyclophane (represented by the hexagon) always imposes a repelling interaction on the tetracationic cyclophane (represented by the tetragon), regardless of the latter's orientation over either of the two hydroquinones of the linear component in hetero[3]rotaxanes **21a**·4Cl and **21b**·4Cl.



# “Crossovers” - Interlocking

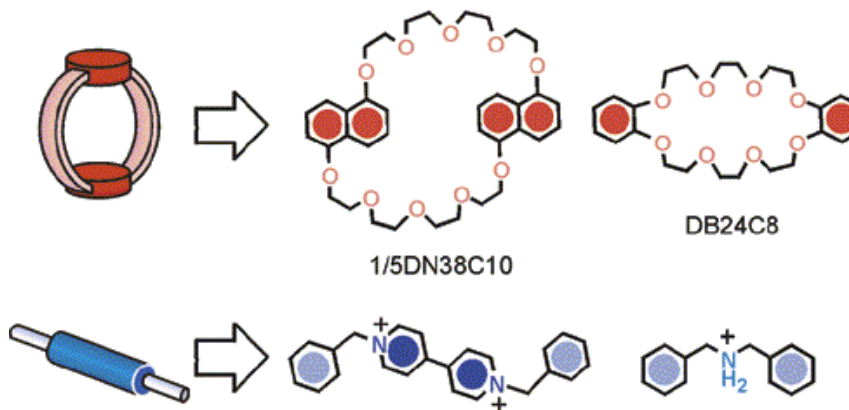
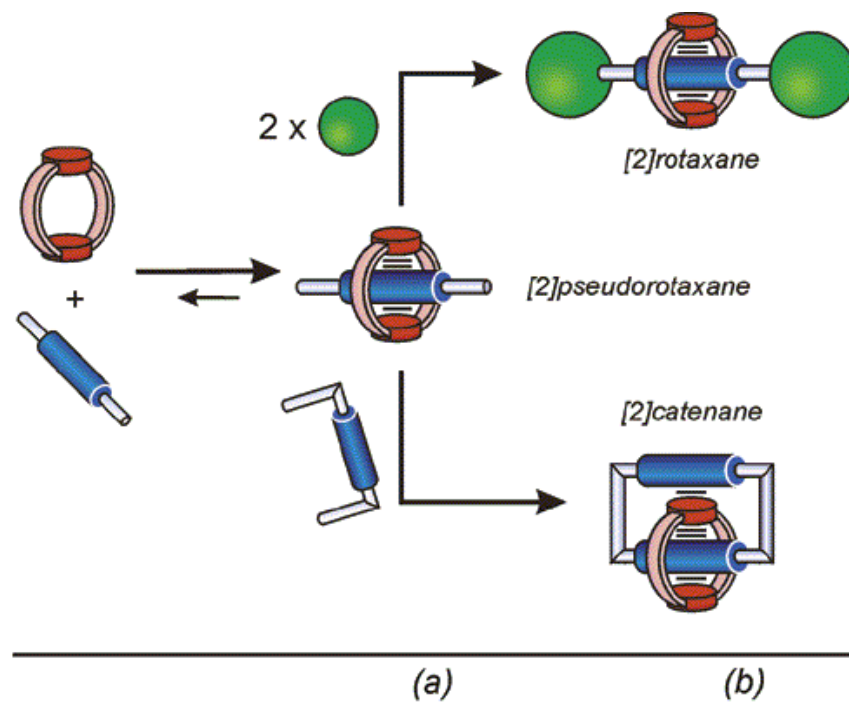


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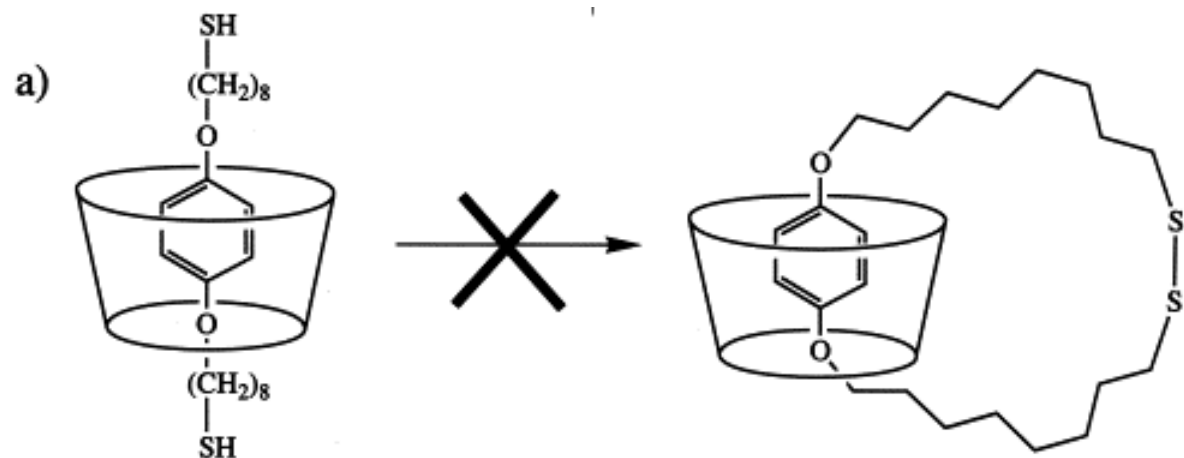
# Synthesis of rotaxanes/catenanes

Pictorial representation of the self-assembly of pseudorotaxanes based on

- (a) CT and C-H $\cdots$ O hydrogen-bonding interactions and
- (b) N<sup>+</sup>-H $\cdots$ O hydrogen-bonding interactions. A possible route toward the synthesis of rotaxanes and catenanes is also indicated.

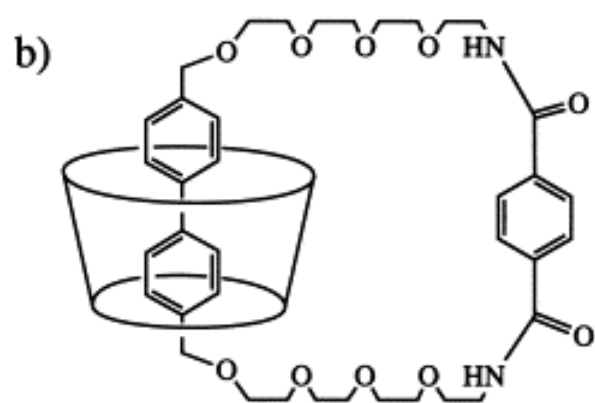


# [2]Catenane Synthesis



(a) Luttringhaus' failed cyclodextrin catenane reaction and

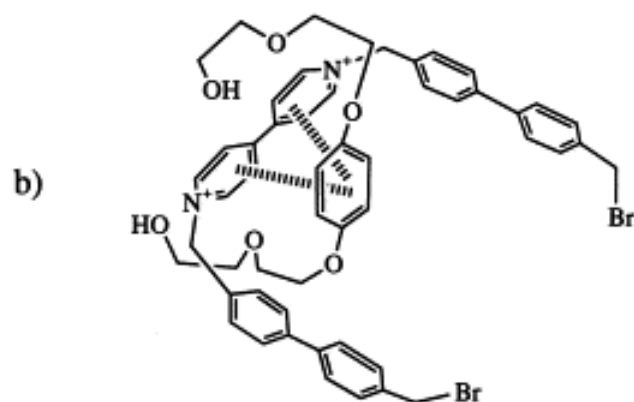
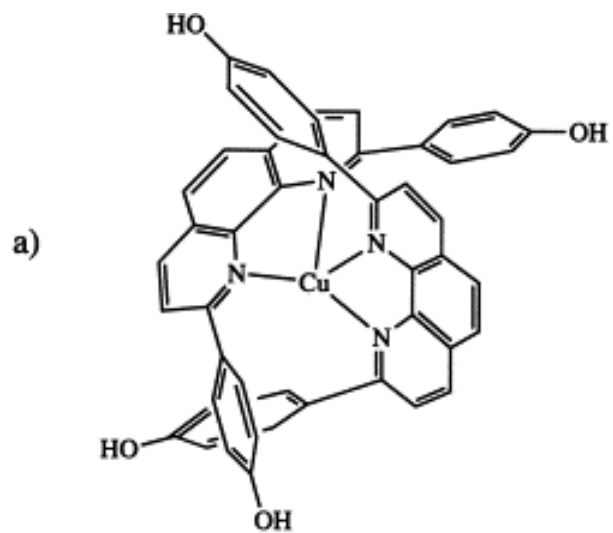
(b) Stoddart's first successful cyclodextrin [2]-catenane (35 years later).



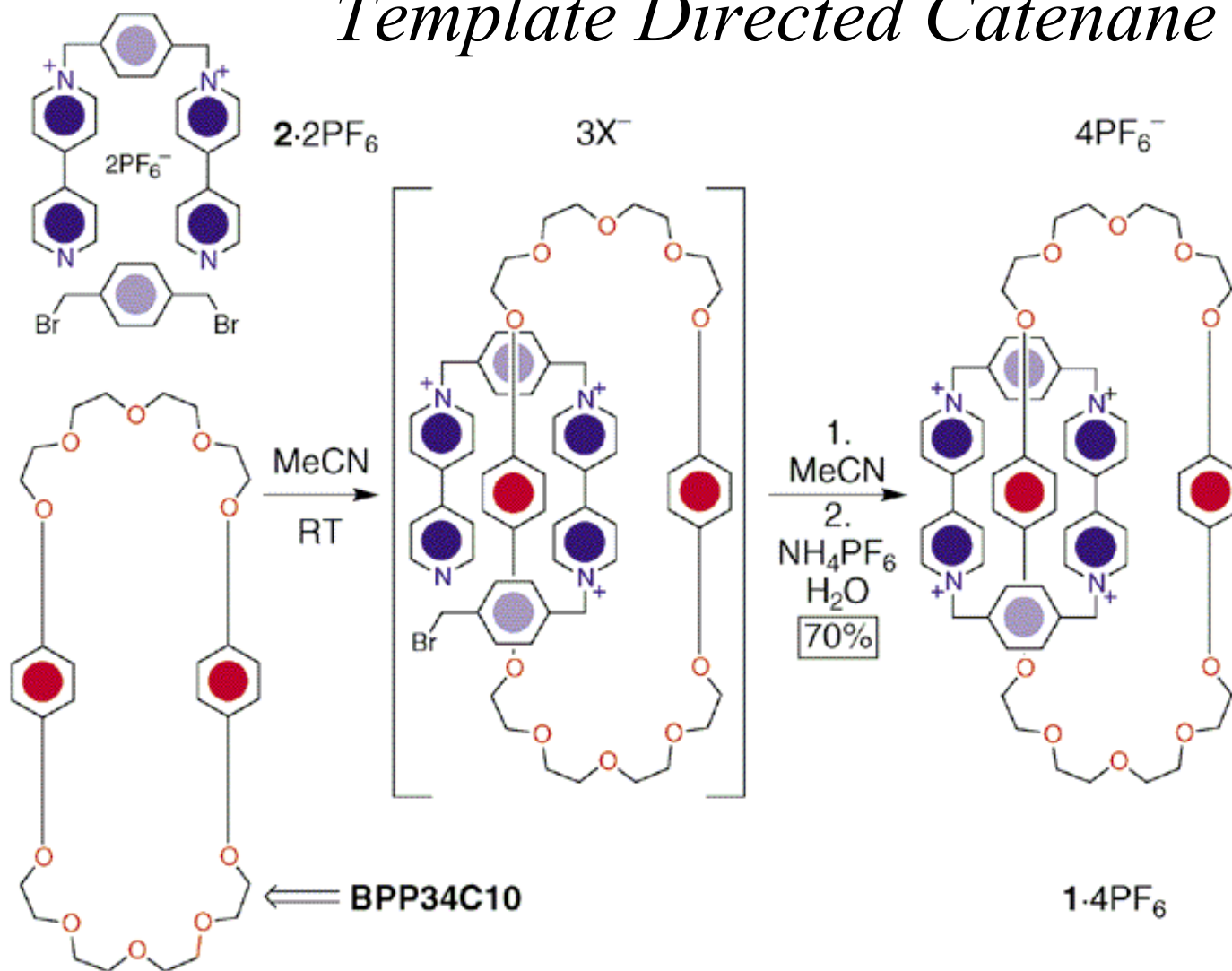
The nature of the molecules that typically thread cyclodextrins probably contributes to their lack of success as catenane components. They are poor turns — the threading molecules are often flexible and their terminals are not specifically oriented. An oriented turn is not so important to rotaxane formation, but to close a turn into a ring, it is vital.



# Catenanes



# Template Directed Catenane Synthesis

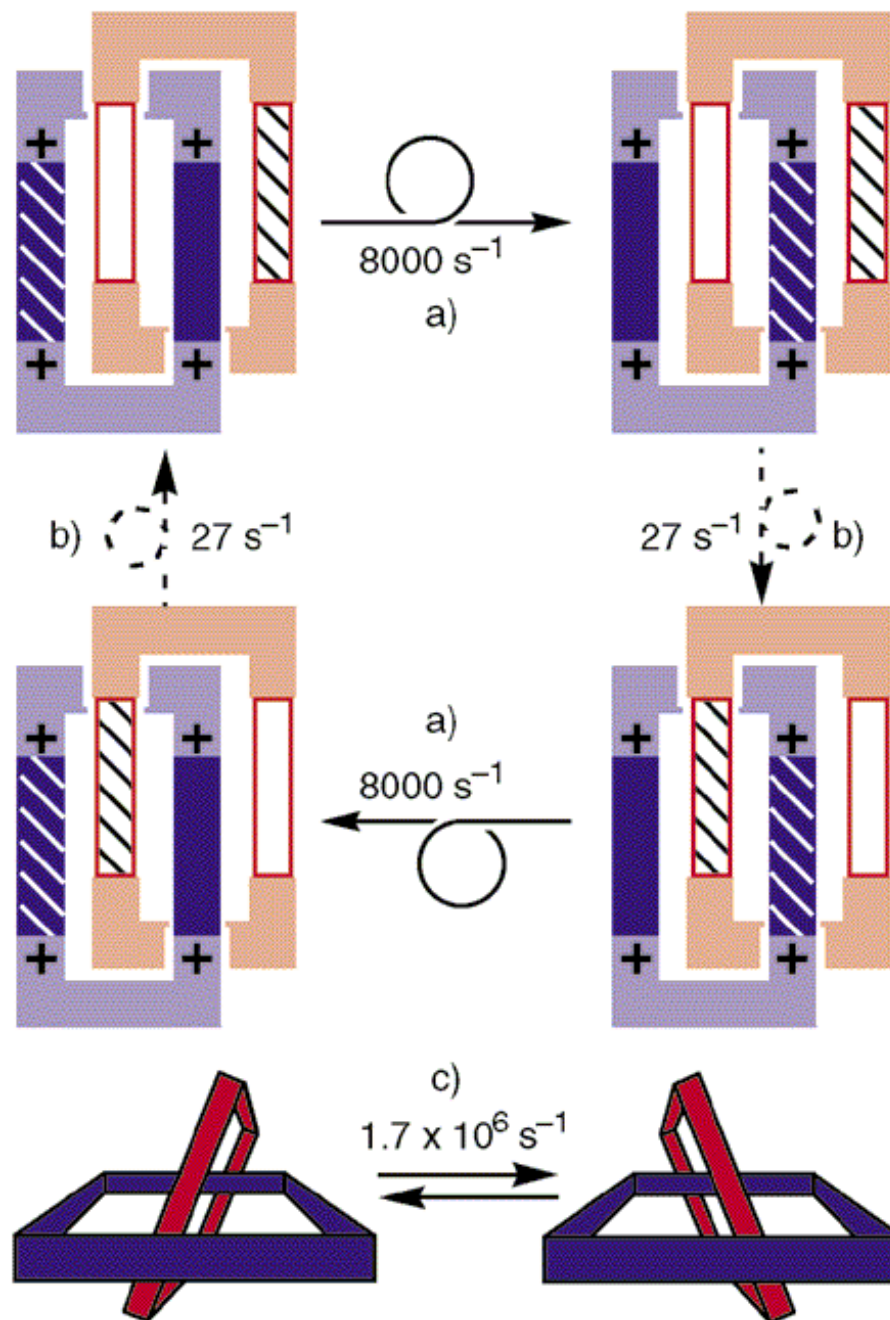


- Template-directed synthesis of the [2]catenane **1·4PF<sub>6</sub>**. The key step is the spontaneous threading through BPP34C10 of the tricationic intermediate, formed when **2·2PF<sub>6</sub>** reacts with *p*-xylylene dibromide. This supramolecular assistance is followed by covalent modification and counterion exchange to give **1·4PF<sub>6</sub>**.

# Catenane Kinetics

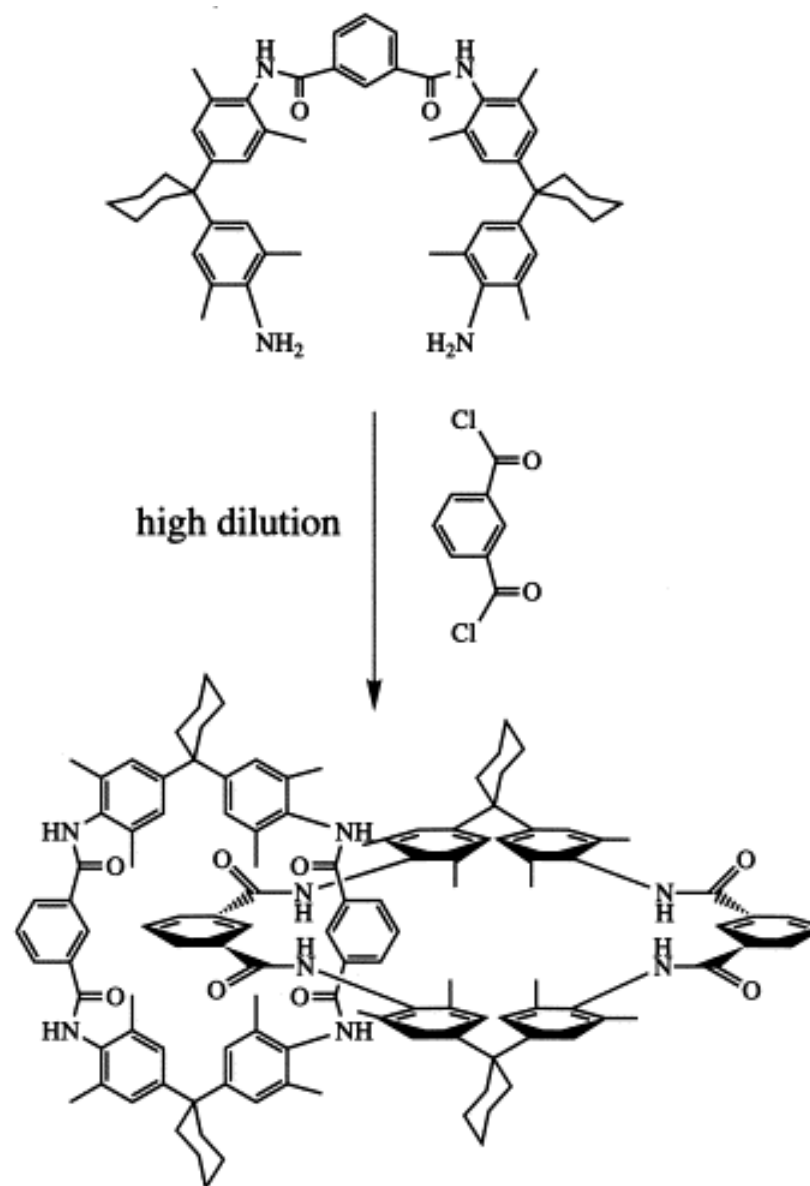
Three different degenerate co-conformational processes observed in temperature-dependent  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the [2]catenane  $\mathbf{1}^{4+}$ :

- (a) circumrotation of CBPQT $^{4+}$  through BPP34C10;
- (b) circumrotation of BPP34C10 through CBPQT $^{4+}$ ; and
- (c) rocking of BPP34C10 within CBPQT $^{4+}$ . The rates of these processes at room temperature are shown.



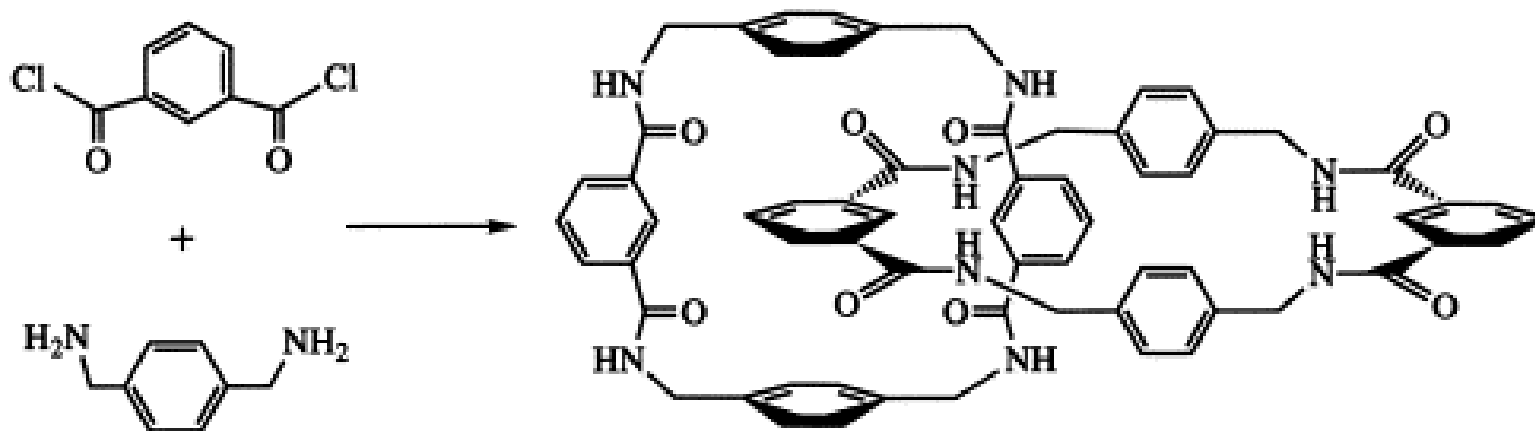
# *Hydrogen Bonding in Catenane Formation*

- The synthesis of Hunter's first amide [2]-catenane.

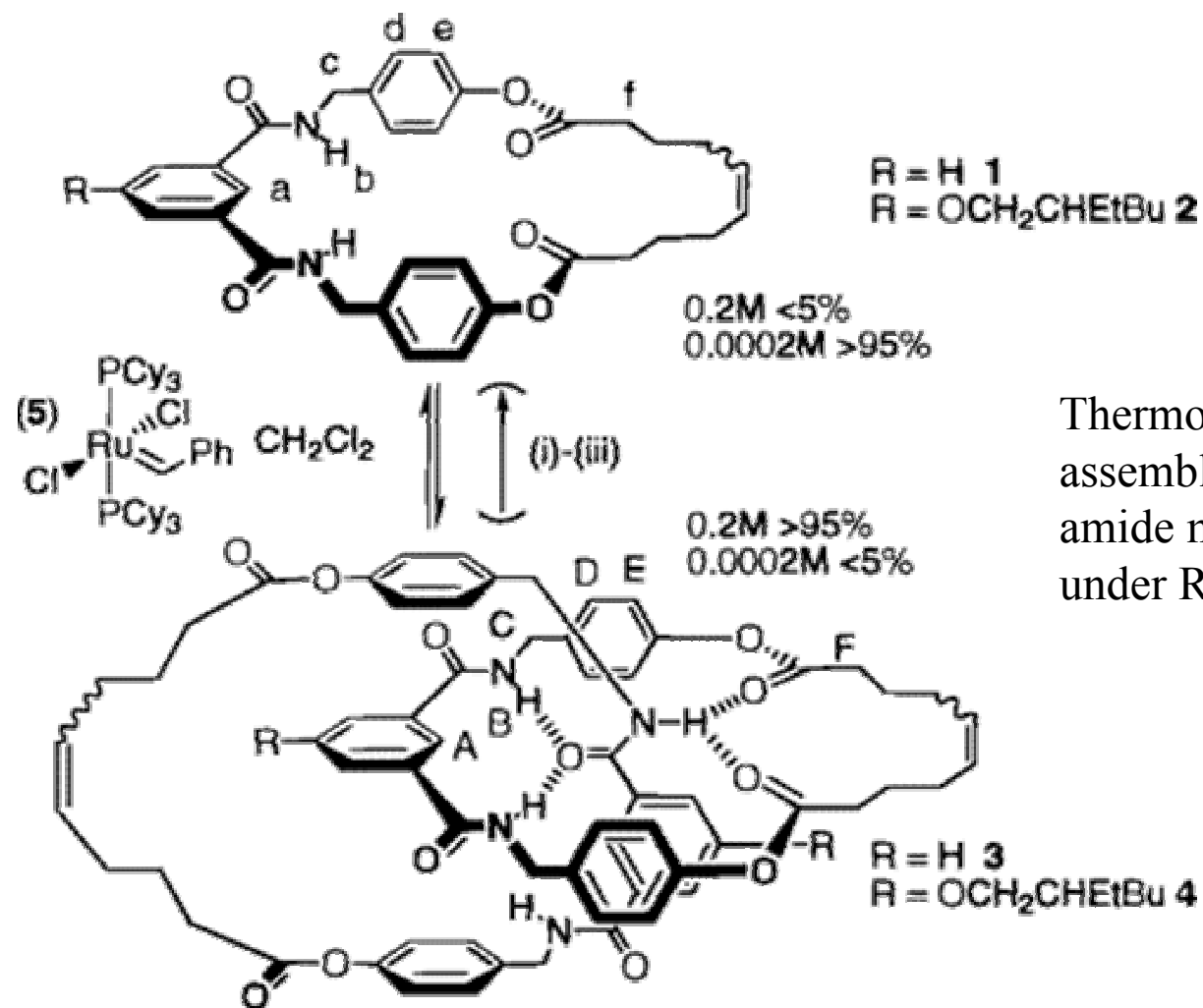


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- Leigh's simple and flexible synthesis of amide [2]-catenanes.



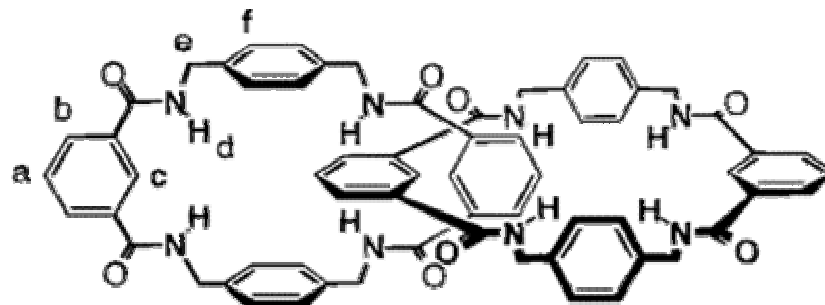
# Magic Rings



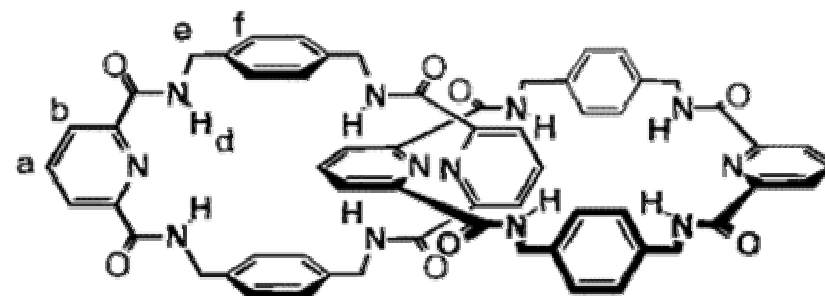
Thermodynamically controlled self-assembly / disassembly of benzylic amide macrocycles and [2]catenanes under RORCM (>95% yield).

# Circumrotation

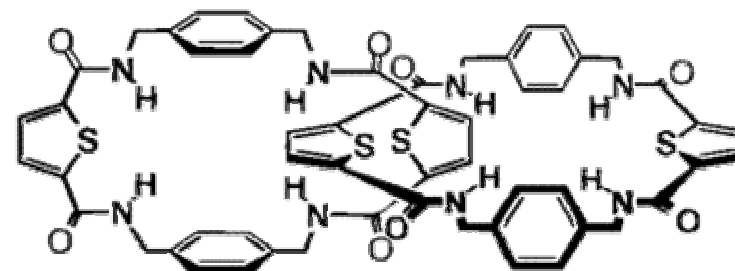
- Solvent effects and structural modifications can induce large variations in the rate of circumrotation of benzylic amide catenanes (which can range from the submicro-second time scale (e.g., thiophene catenane **3** at elevated temperatures in polar solvents) to many hours to achieve a single circumrotation (e.g., pyridine catenane **2** at low temperatures in nonpolar solvents)) allowing tremendous control over the kinetics of a mechanically interlocked molecular system.



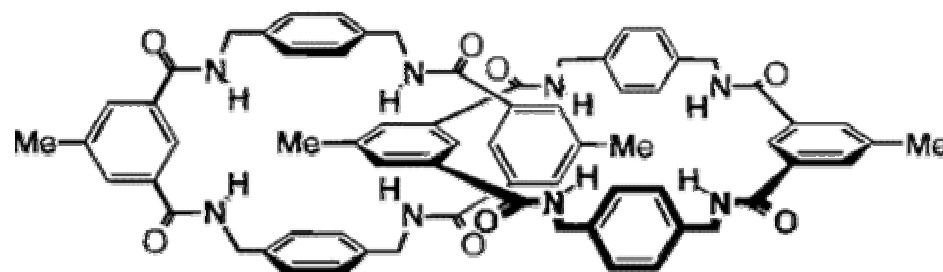
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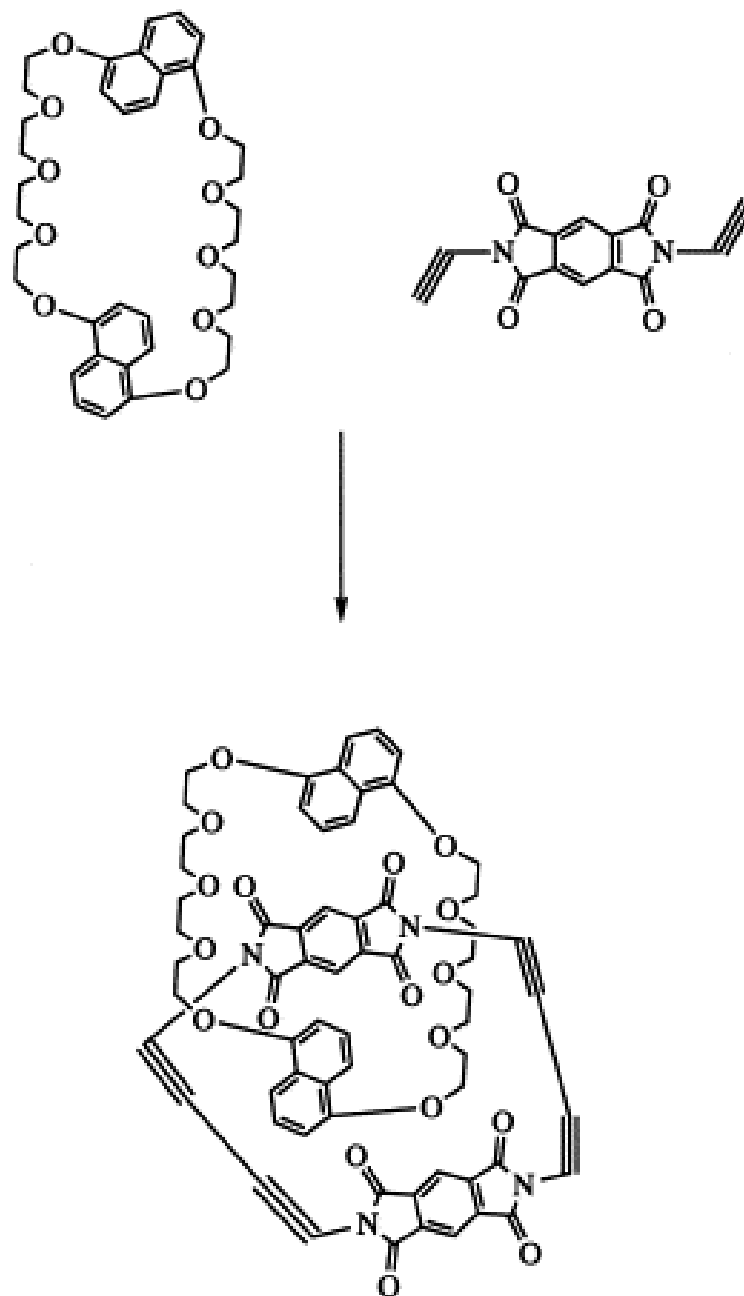
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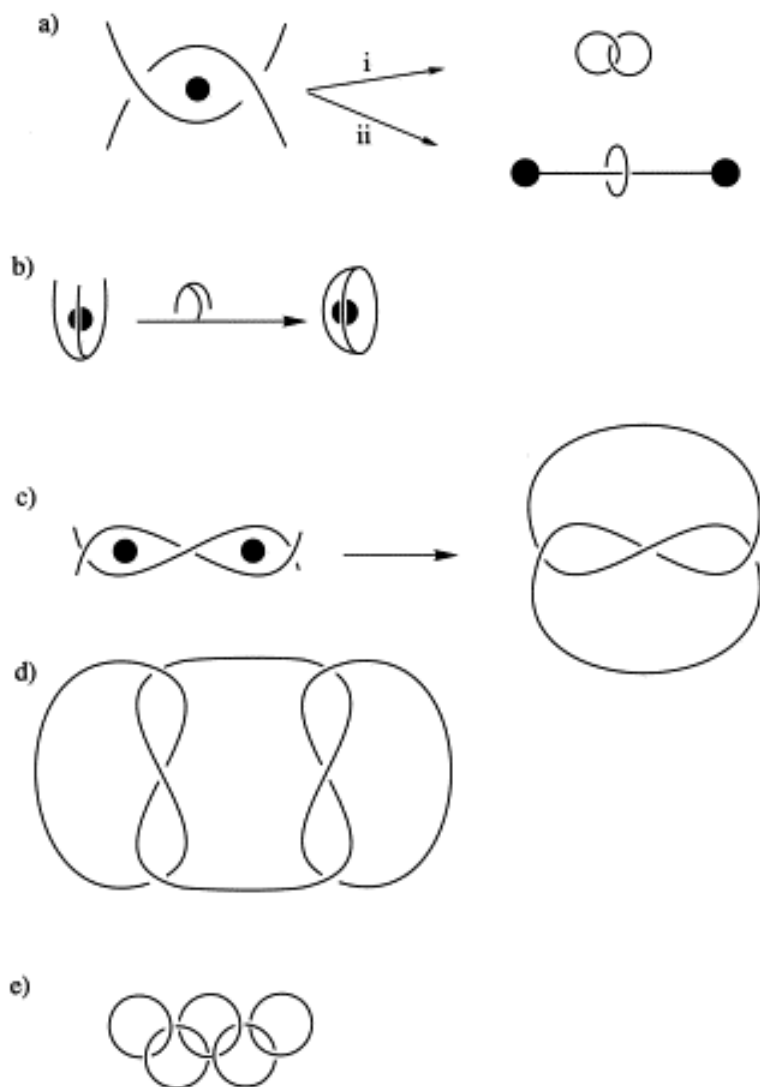
## *Neutral Catenanes*

- Sander's use of neutral  $\pi$ - $\pi$  template pairs to form a [2]-catenane.





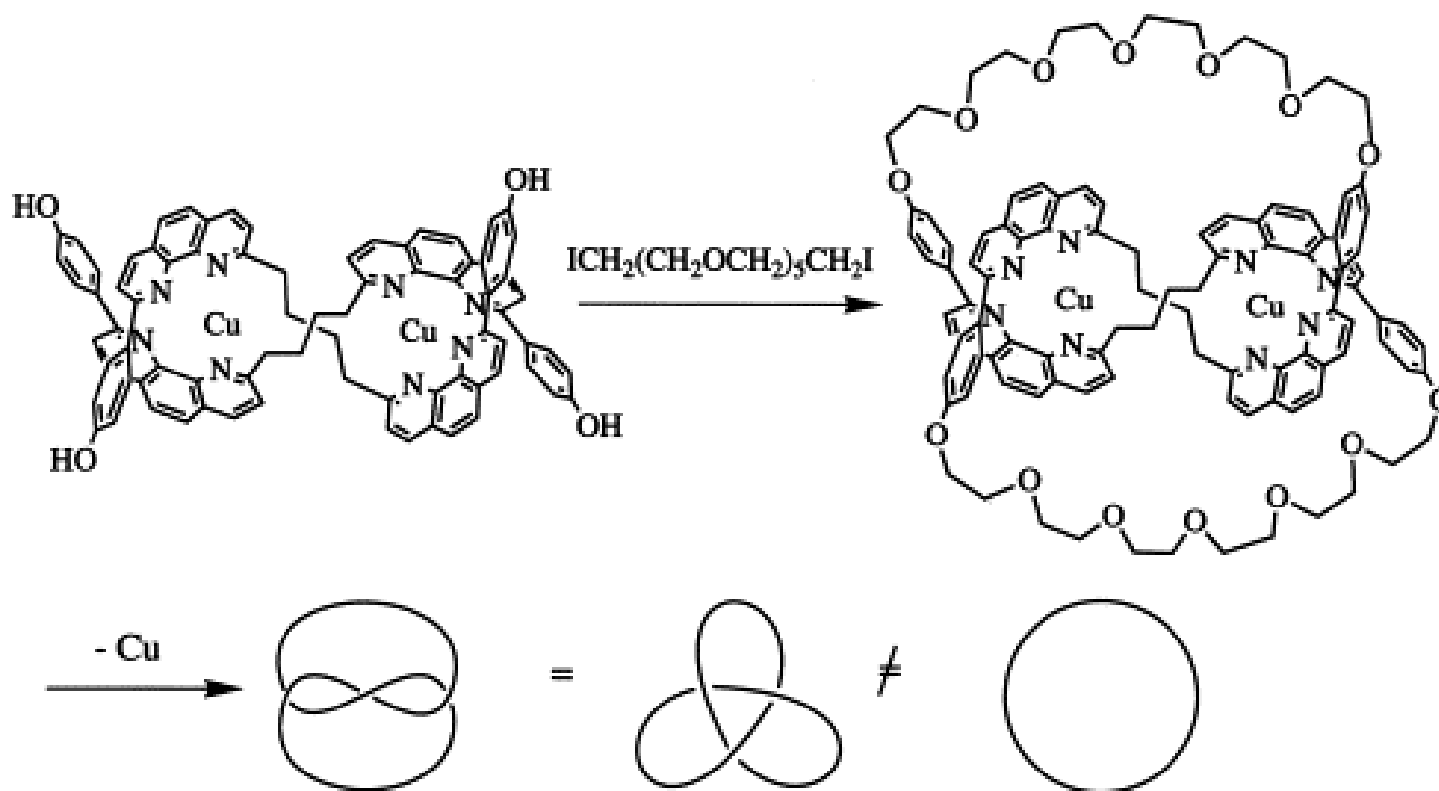
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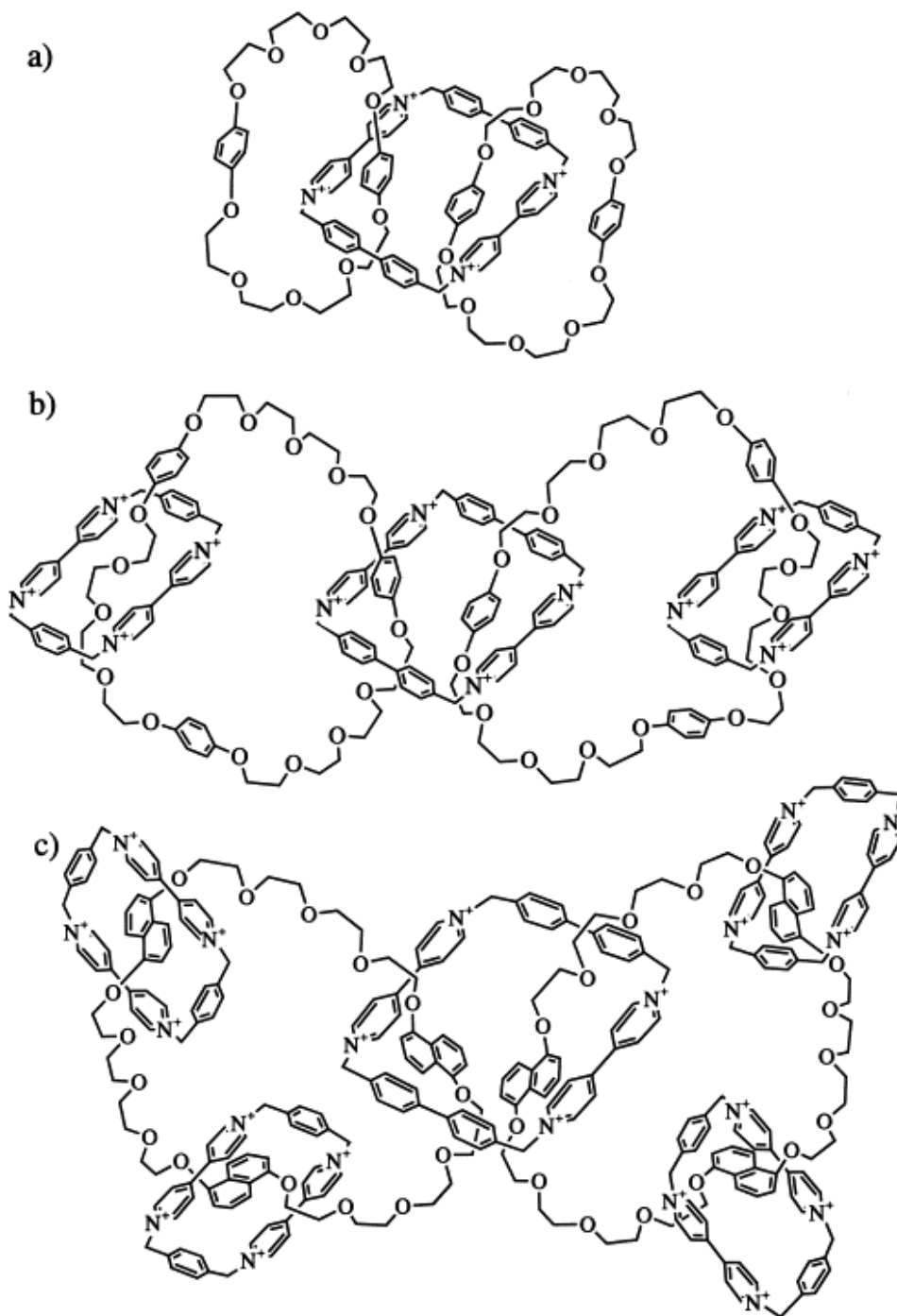
# *Trefoil Knot*

- Synthesis of the first trefoil knot using a two-anchor helical template.



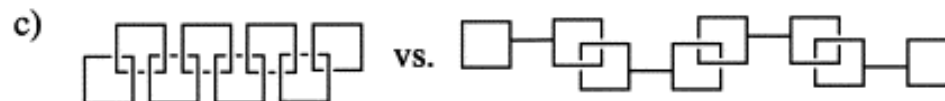
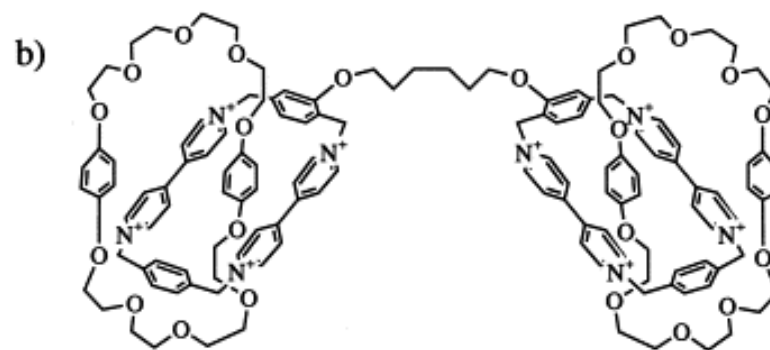
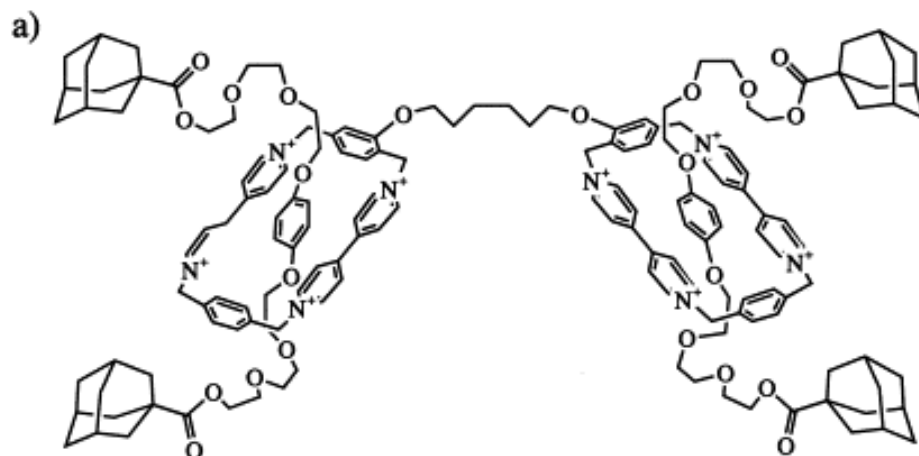
# *Olympiadane*

Advancement of the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  template oligocatenanes from (a) the first [3]-catenane to (b) the [5]-catenane Olympiadane and finally to (c) a branched [7]-catenane.



# *Bis Rotaxane Bis Catenane*

- (a) Bis-[2]-rotaxanes and
- (b) bis-[2]-catenanes, which can be used in the formation of
- (c) polycatenanes with alternating covalent and mechanical bonds (compared with a polymeric catenane of only mechanical bonds).



# Mechanomechanical Mechanism

