

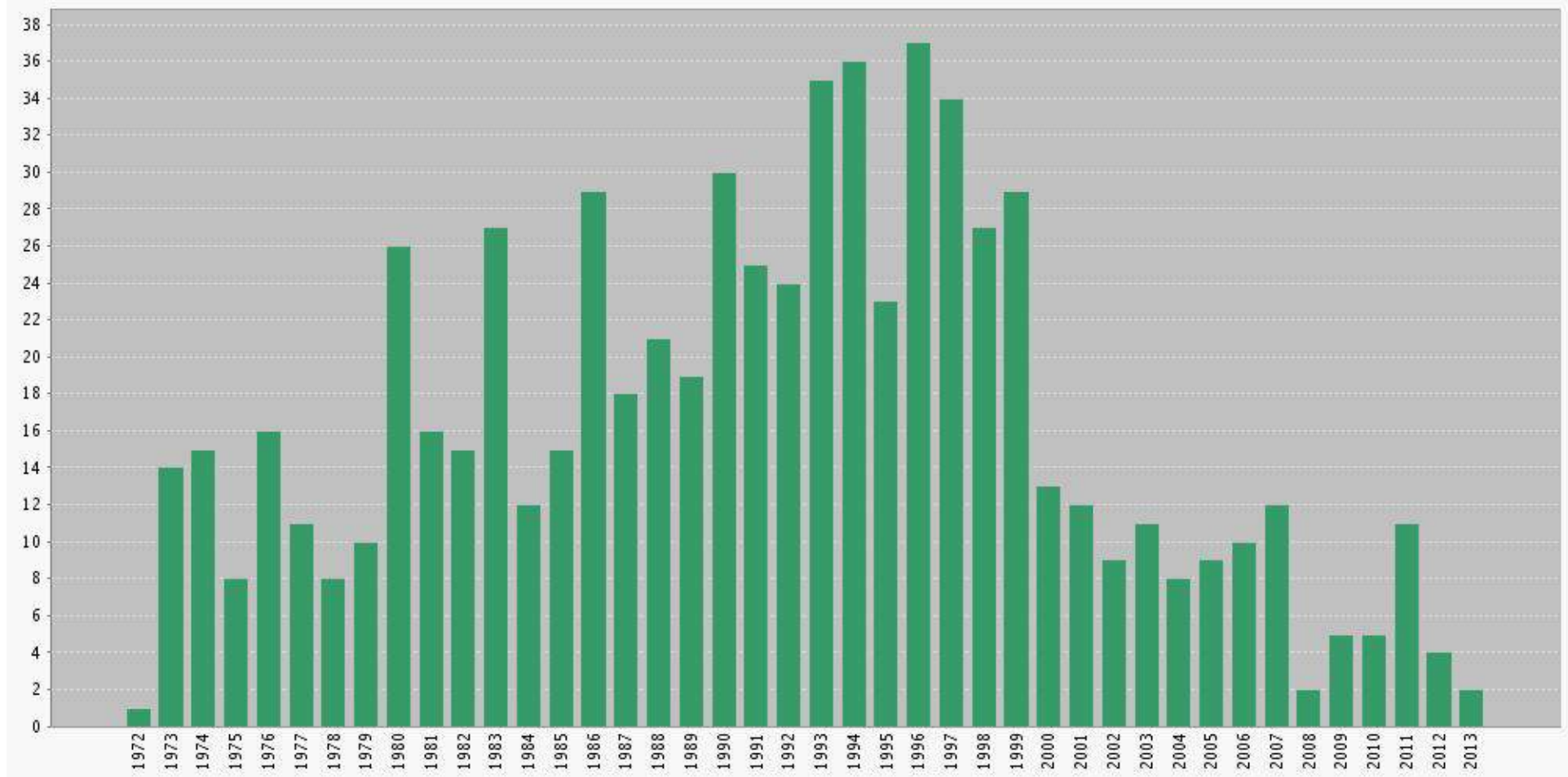
*50 years*  
of Porphyrin Chemistry



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*How to summarize the work?  
Just few number ...*



## PYRROLES AND RELATED COMPOUNDS—VIII<sup>1</sup>

### MASS SPECTROMETRY IN STRUCTURAL AND STEREOCHEMICAL PROBLEMS—LXXVI<sup>2</sup> THE MASS SPECTRA OF PORPHYRINS

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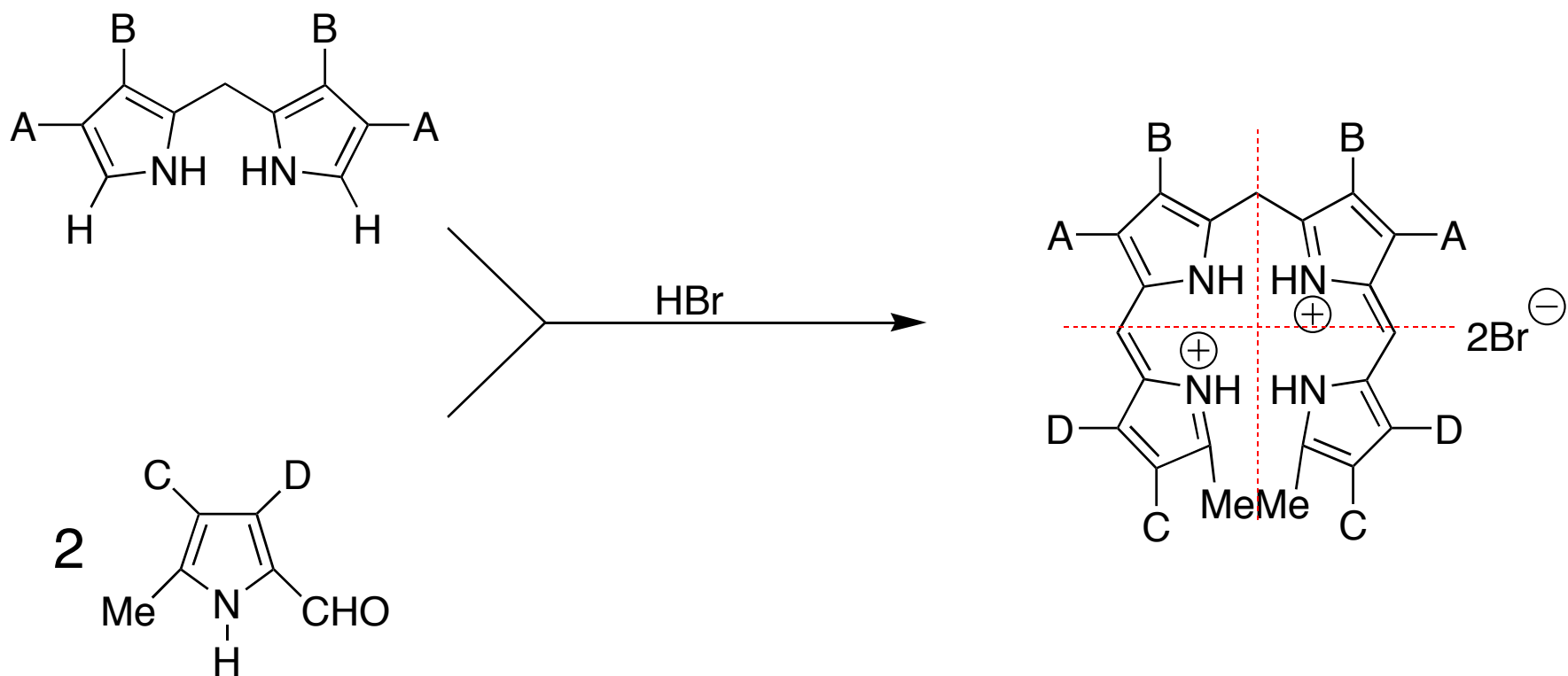
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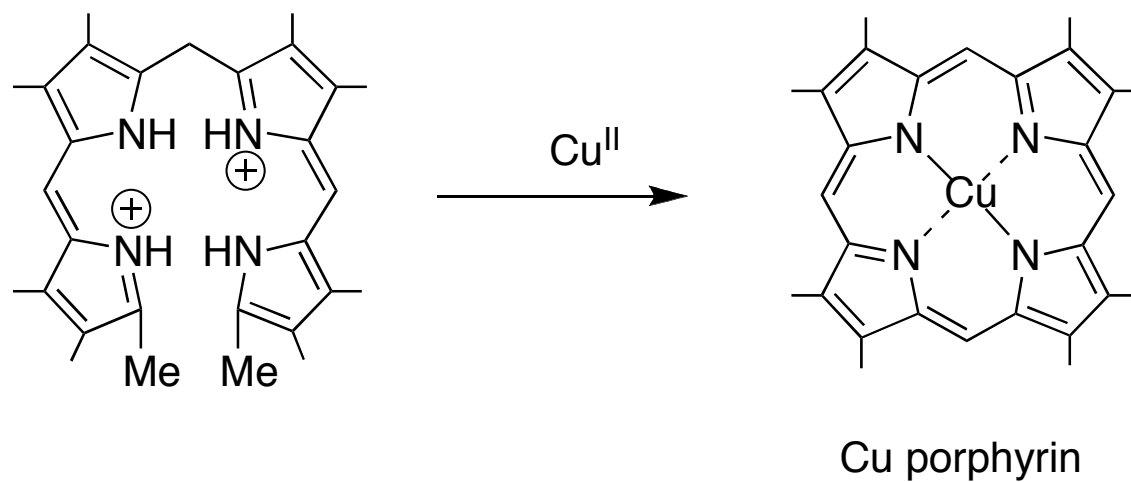
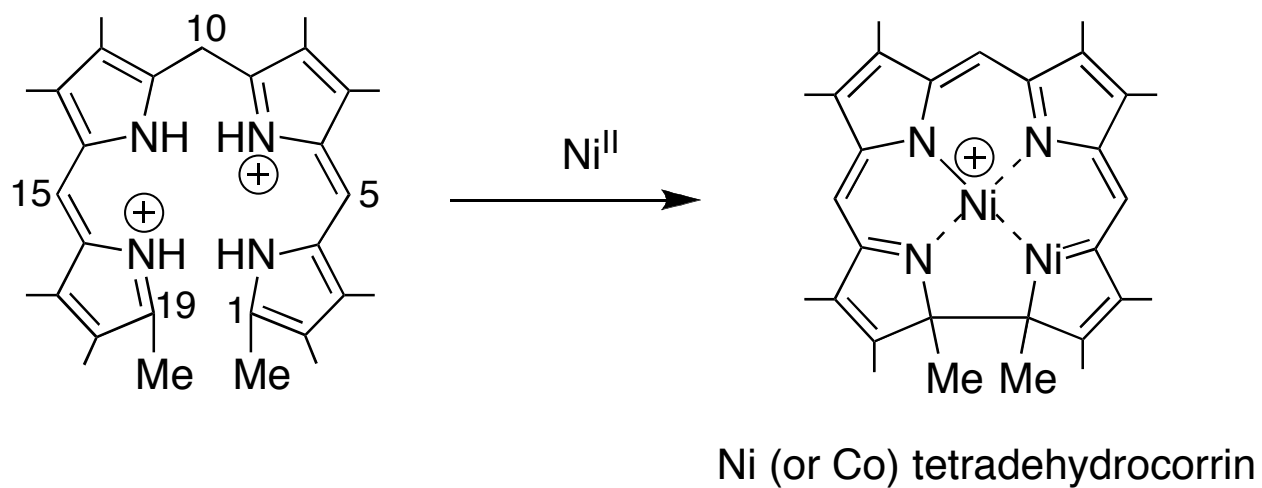
**Abstract**—The molecular ion nearly always produces the strongest peak in mass spectra of porphyrins. The macrocyclic nucleus is remarkably stable and fragmentation gives mainly “benzylic” ions. In derivatives of porphin this involves cleavage at the bond once removed from the macrocycle, but in chlorins the entire substituent is lost from the reduced “pyrrole” ring. Methyl esters of chlorins derived from chlorophyll lose directly 147 and 159 mass units in complex processes marked by strong metastable peaks. All the spectra contain a prominent series of peaks from doubly charged ions; a novel feature is loss of ketene from propionate side-chains.

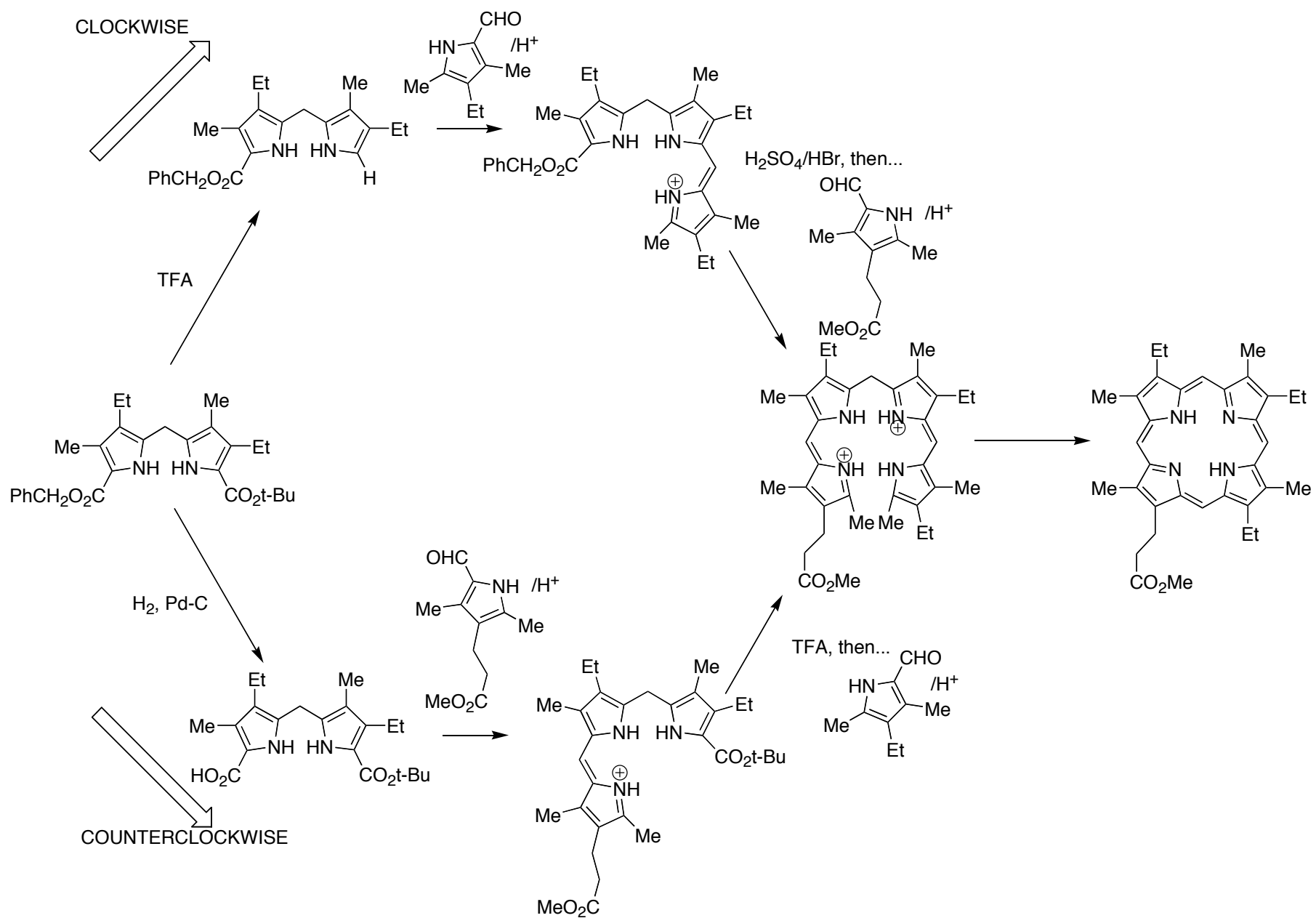
# Porphyrins from $\alpha,\gamma$ -biladienes

# a,c-Biladiene Synthesis



# a,c-Biladiene Oxidative Cyclization





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 K. M. Smith and G. W. Craig, *J. Org. Chem.* **1983**, 48, 4302.

# Copper(II) Cyclization Mechanism

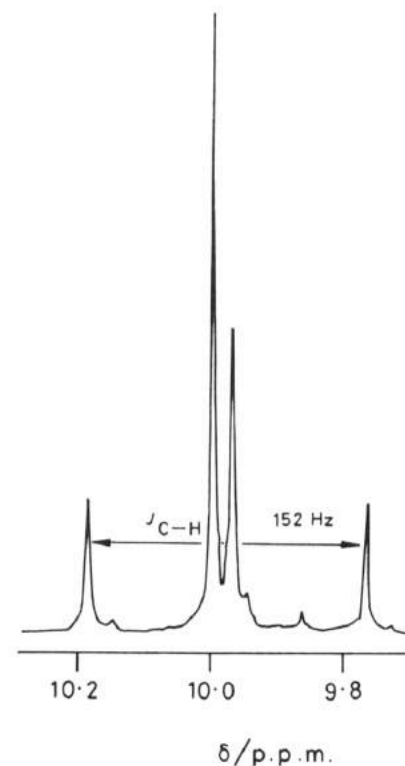
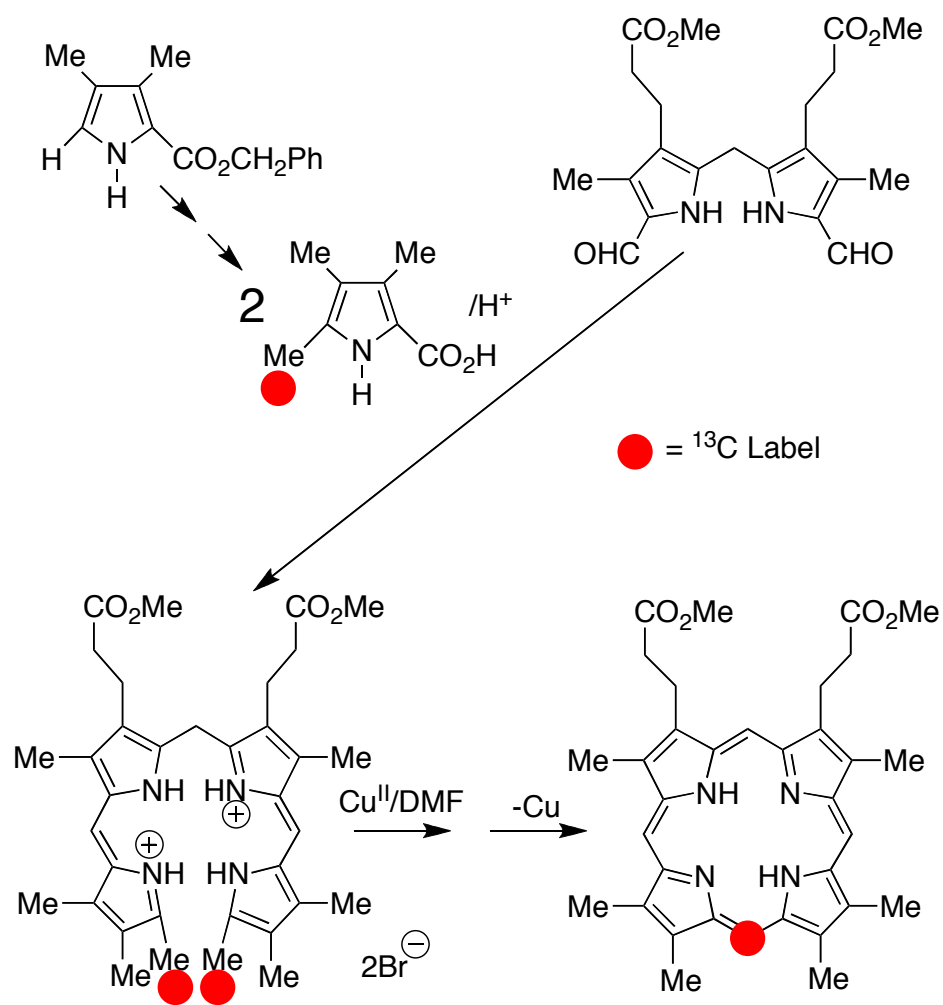
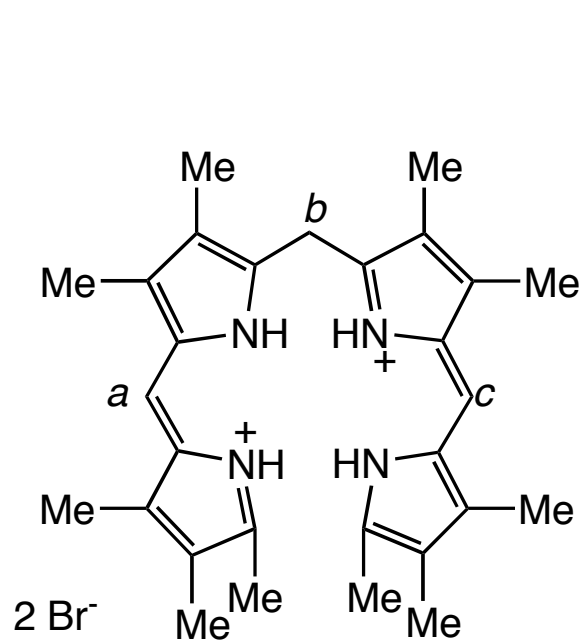
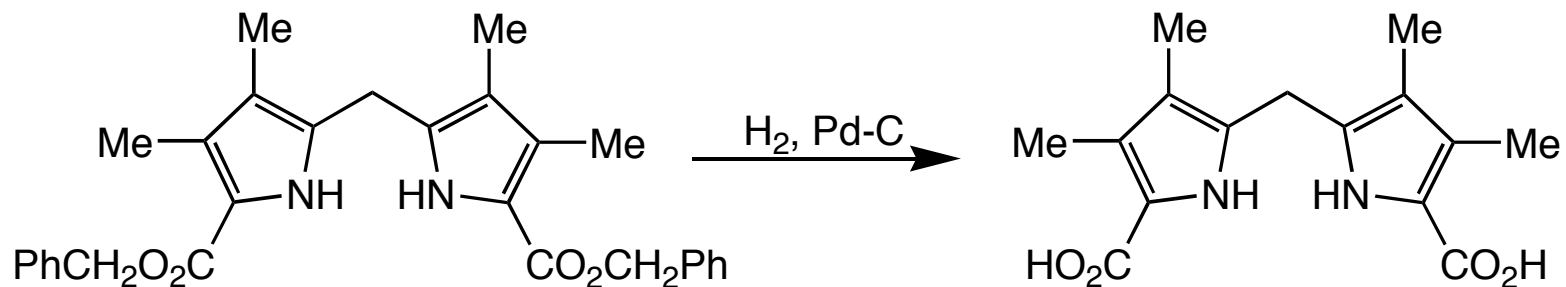


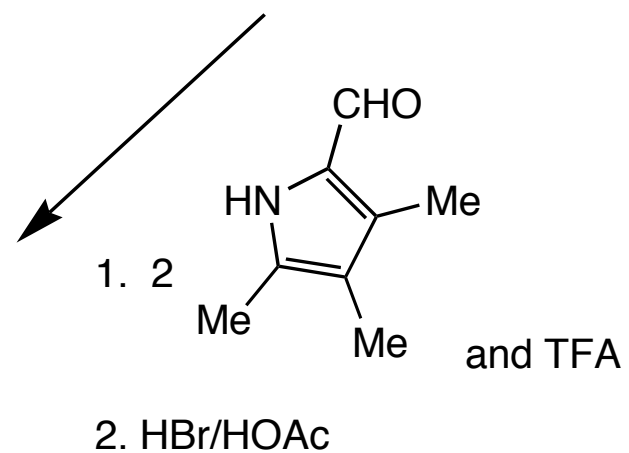
Figure.  $^1H$  N.m.r. spectrum (360 MHz) of the *meso* proton region of the zinc(II) complex of the  $\alpha$  *meso*  $^{13}C$  labelled porphyrin (34). The solvent is  $CDCl_3$  with a small amount of pyrrolidine added to ensure absence of aggregation



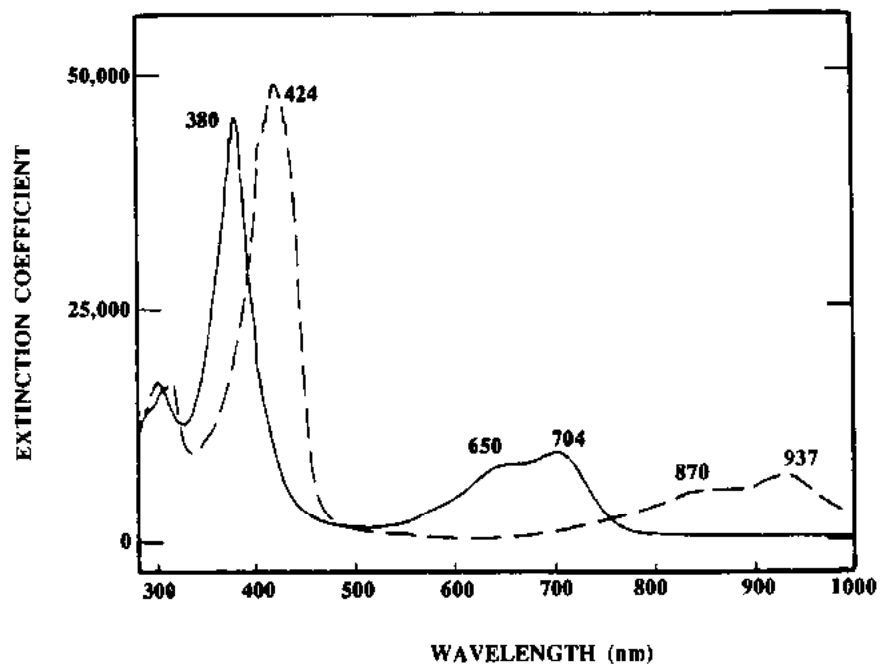
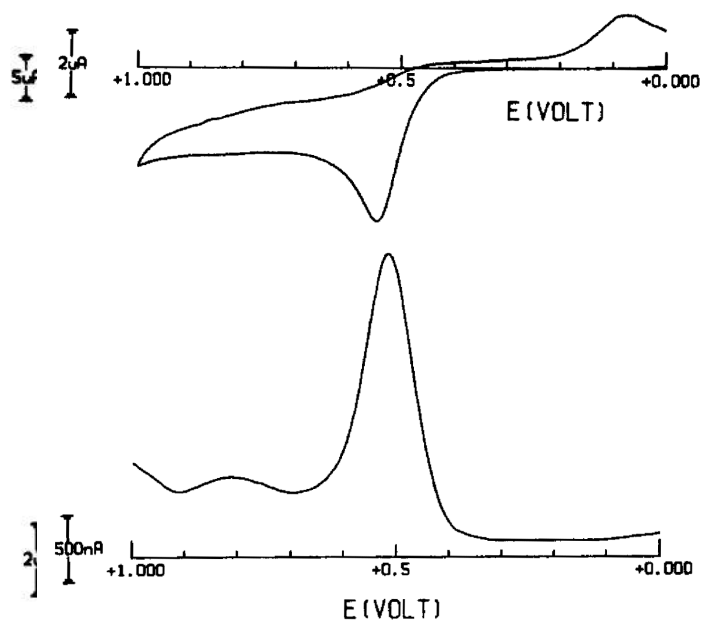
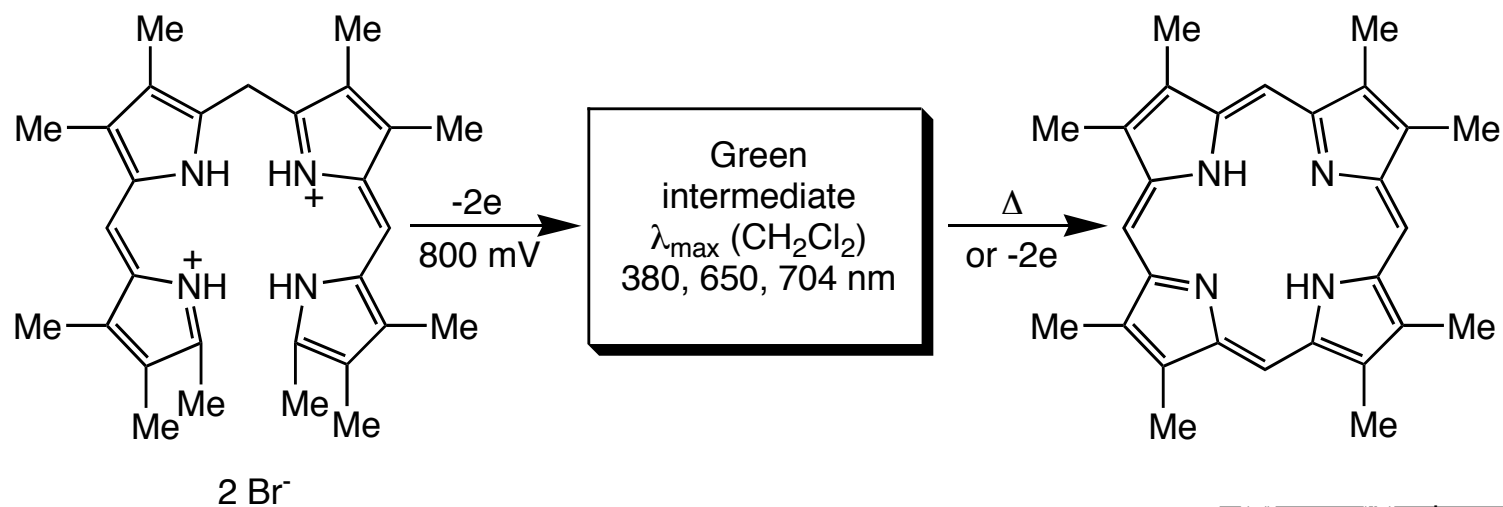
# Mechanism - Use Simple Substrate and Avoid Paramagnetic Cu(II)



Decamethyl-*a,c*-biladiene

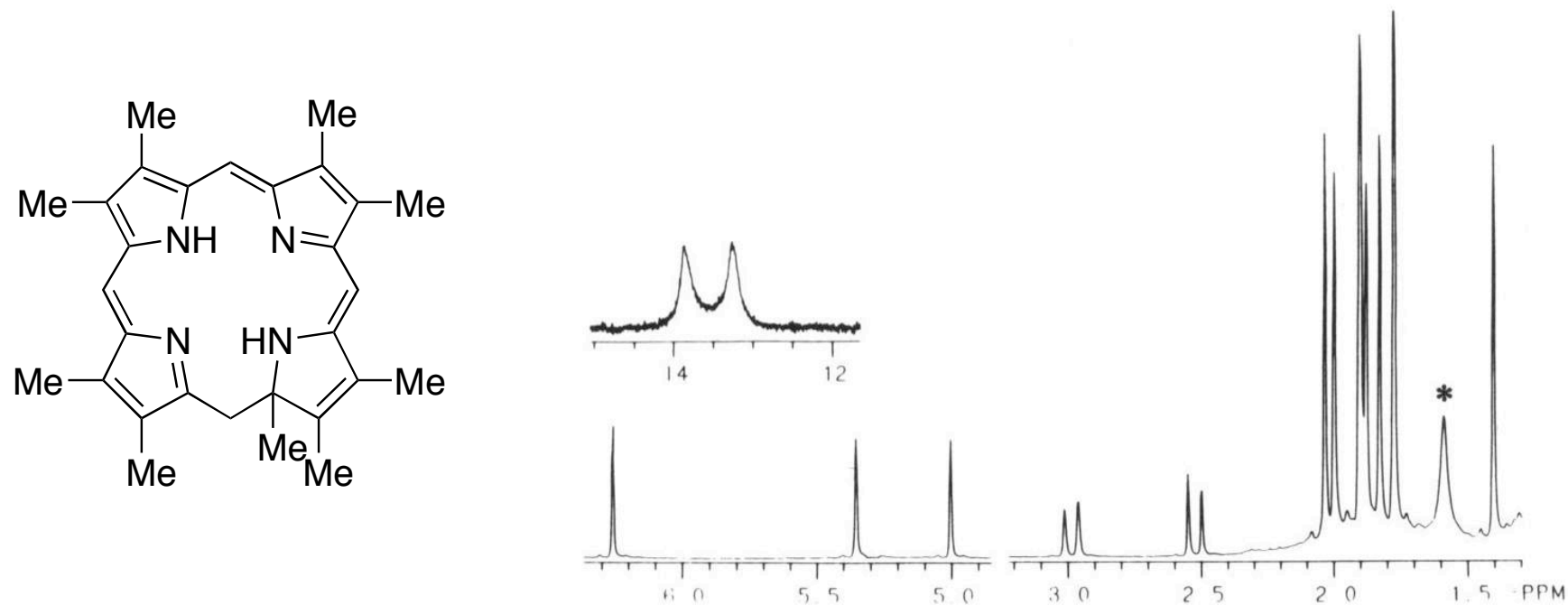


# Preparative Anodic Oxidation



# NMR Evidence for Intermediate

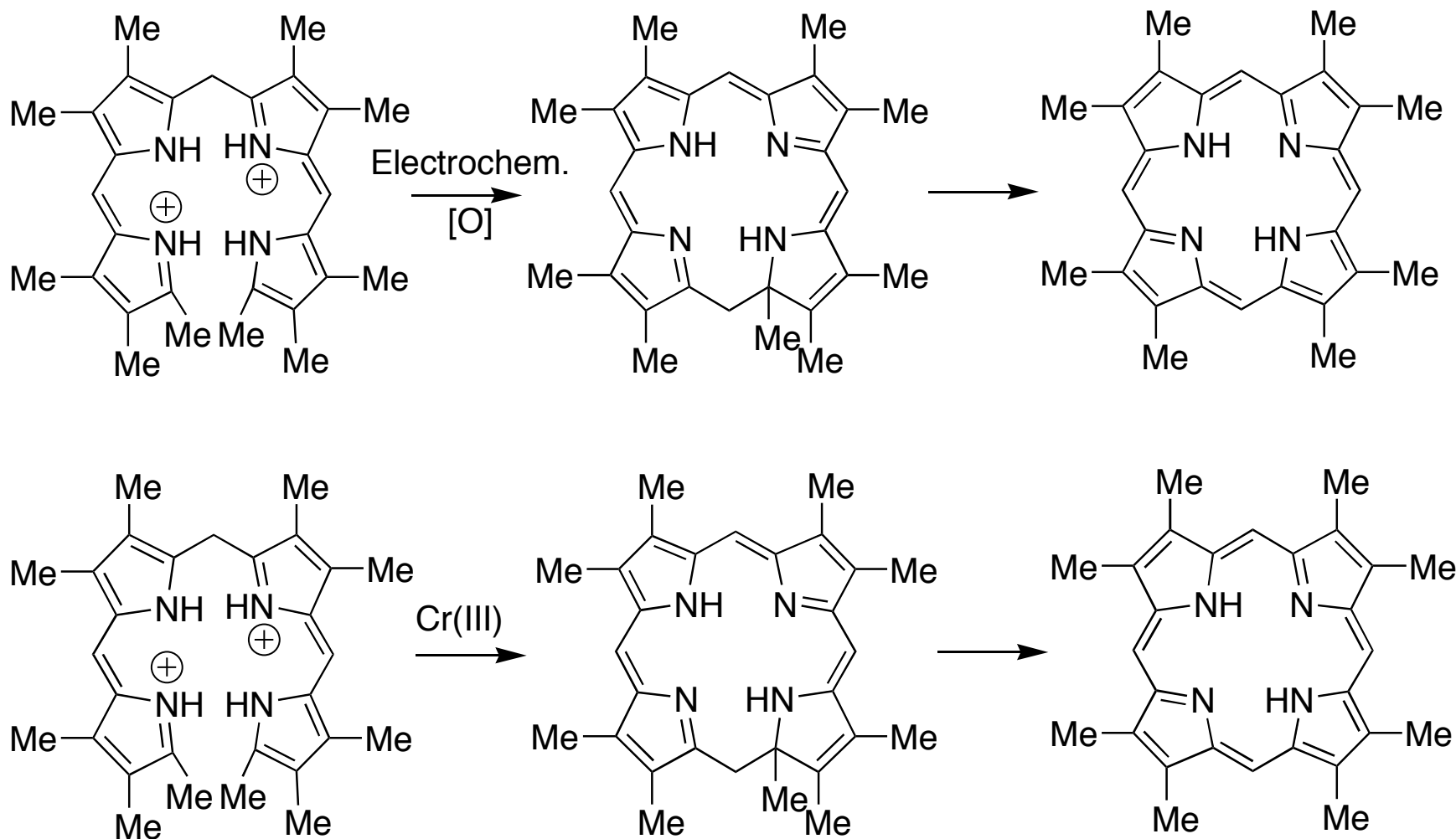
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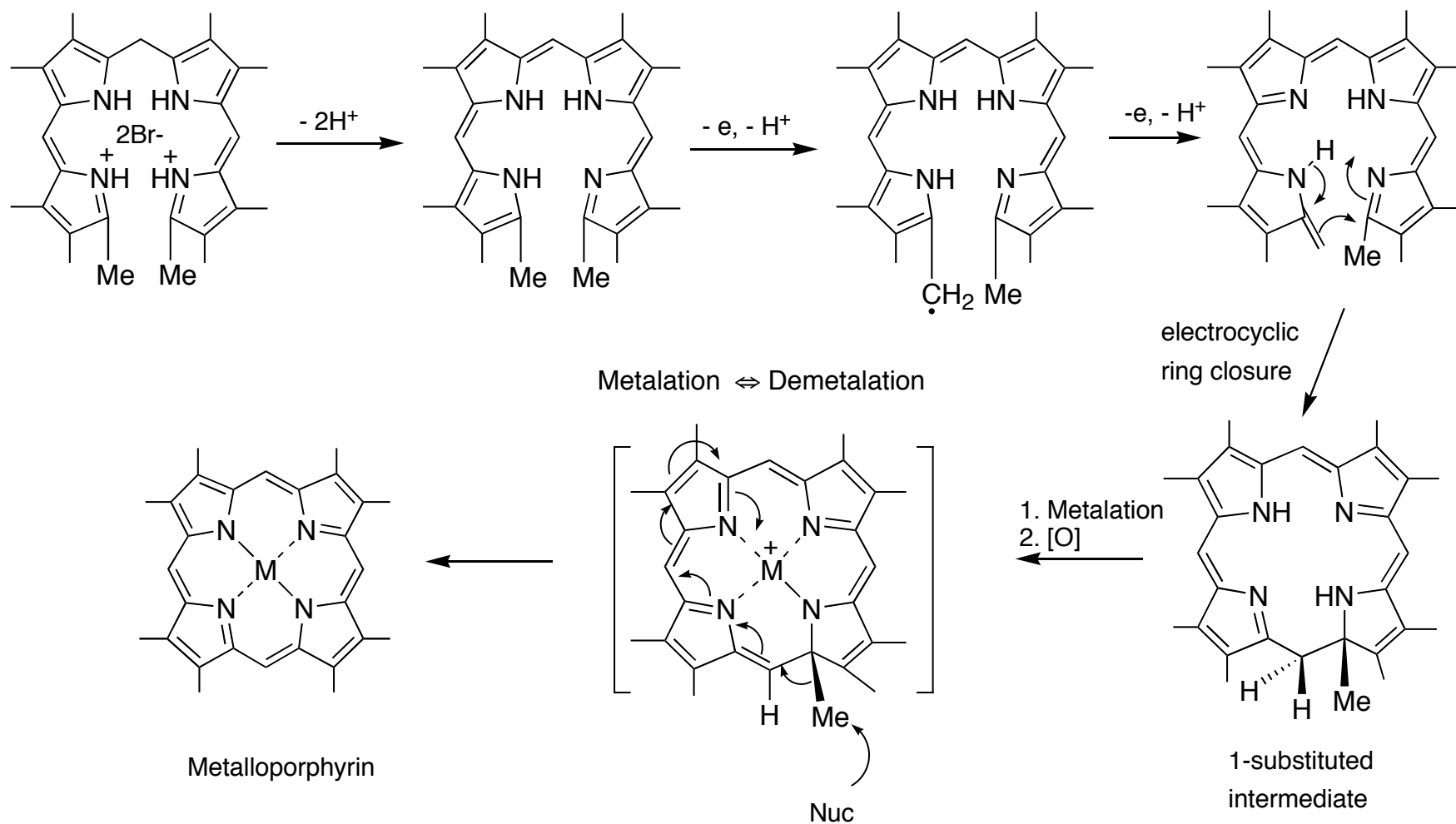
**Figure 3.** Proton NMR spectrum (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; 300 MHz; GE QE300 instrument) of the intermediate **6**. Vertical scale in the insert expanded.

\* = water.

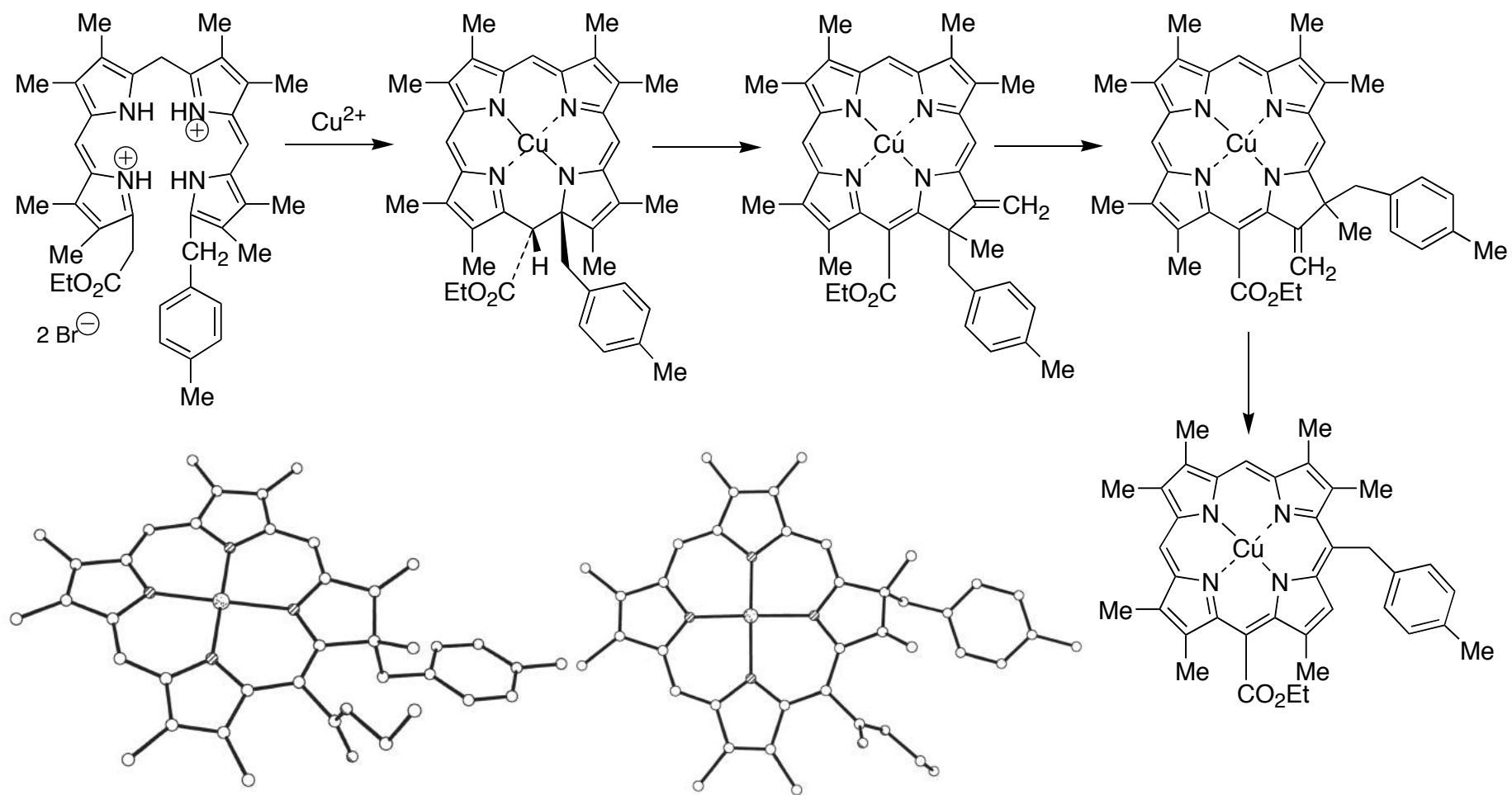
# a,c-Biladiene: Electrochemical vs. Metal Cyclization



# Cyclization Mechanism - Electrochemical

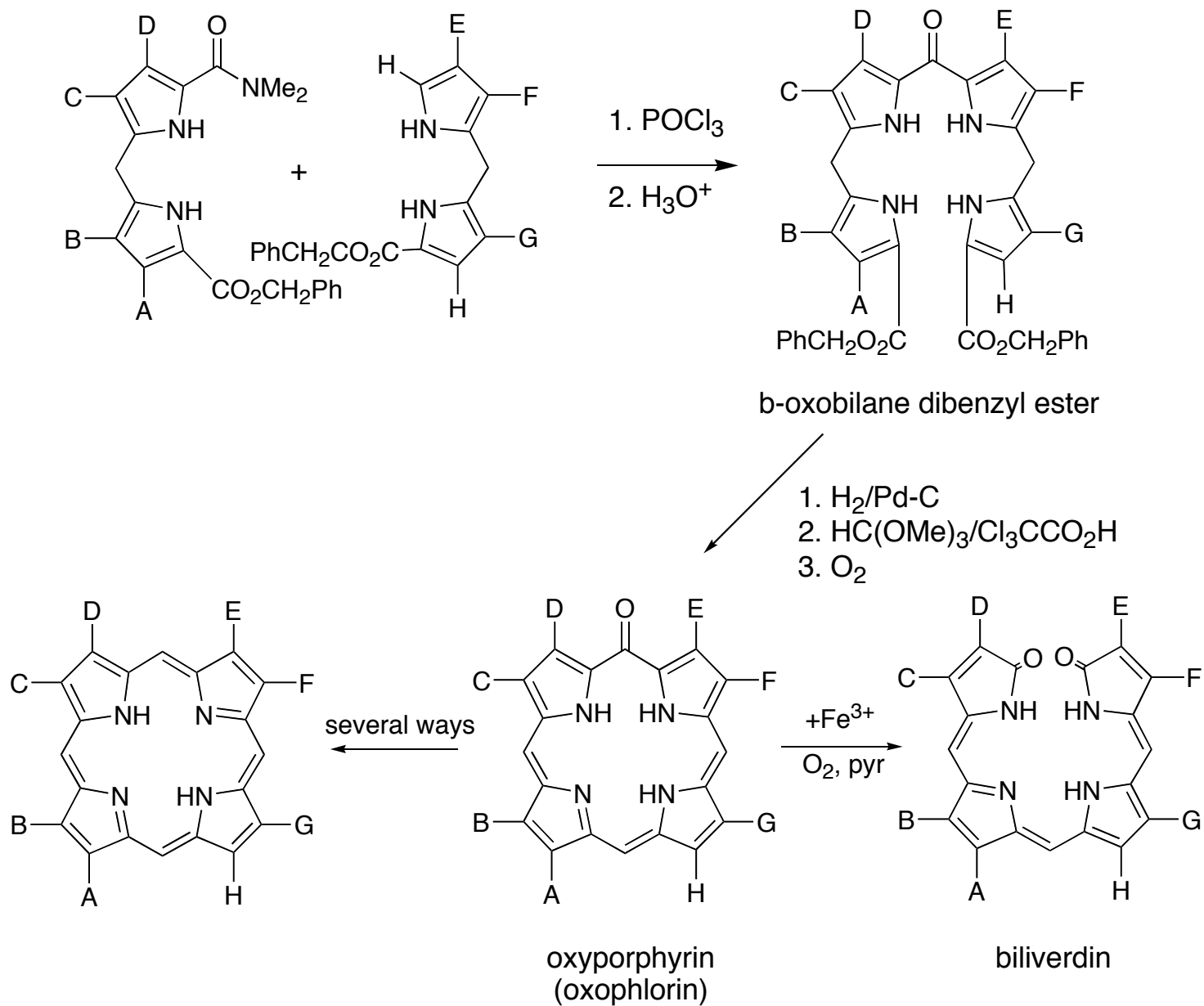


# Other a,c-Biladienes



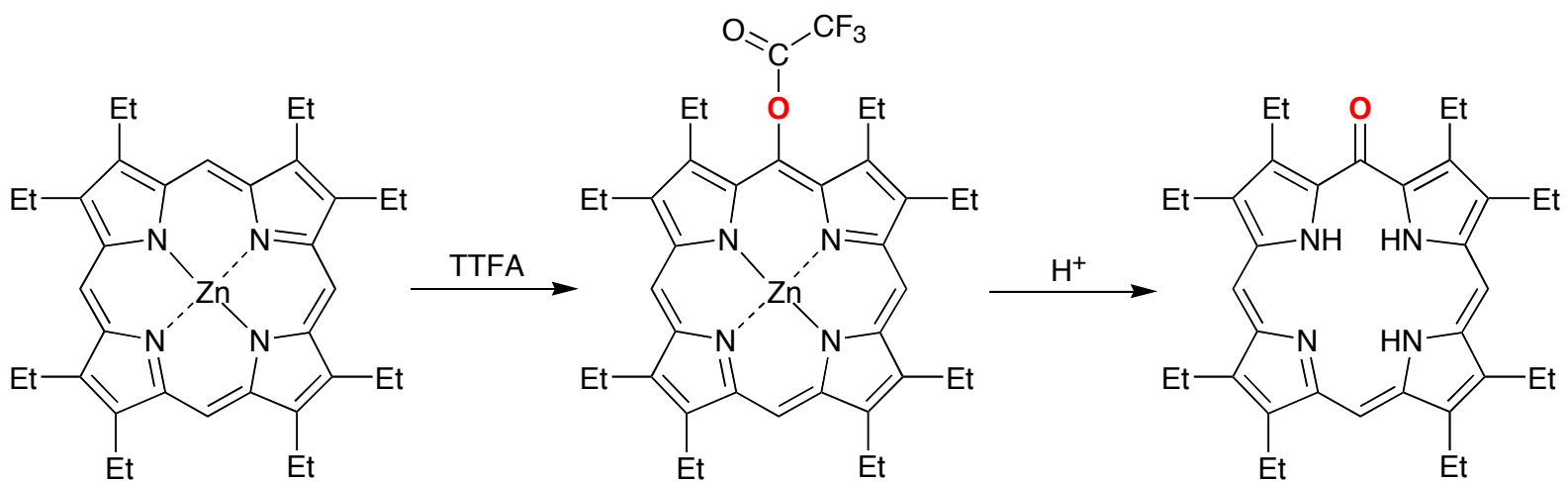
J. J. Lin, K. R. Gerzevske, P. A. Liddell, M. O. Senge, M. M. Olmstead, R. G. Khoury, B. E. Weeth, S. A. Tsao and K. M. Smith. *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *62*, 4266.

Oxophlorin



A. H. Jackson, G. W. Kenner, G. McGillivray and K. M. Smith, *J. Chem. Soc. C*, **1968**, 294  
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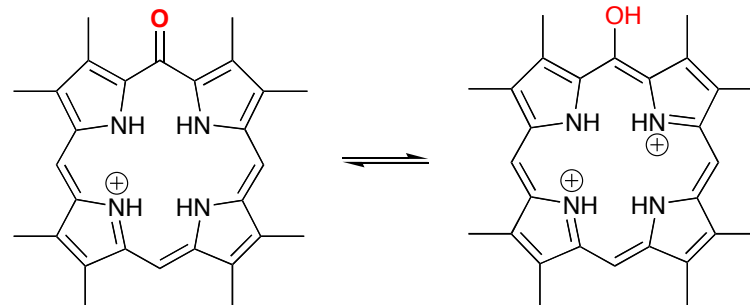
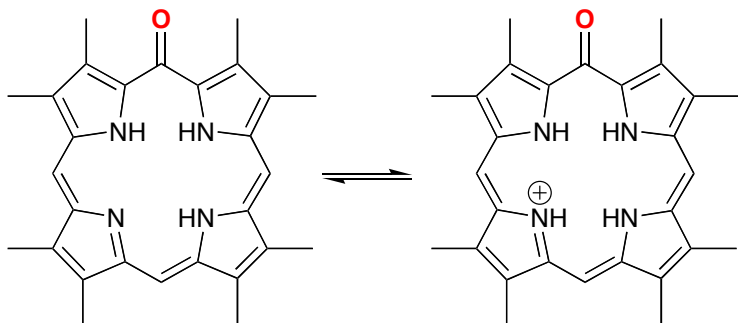
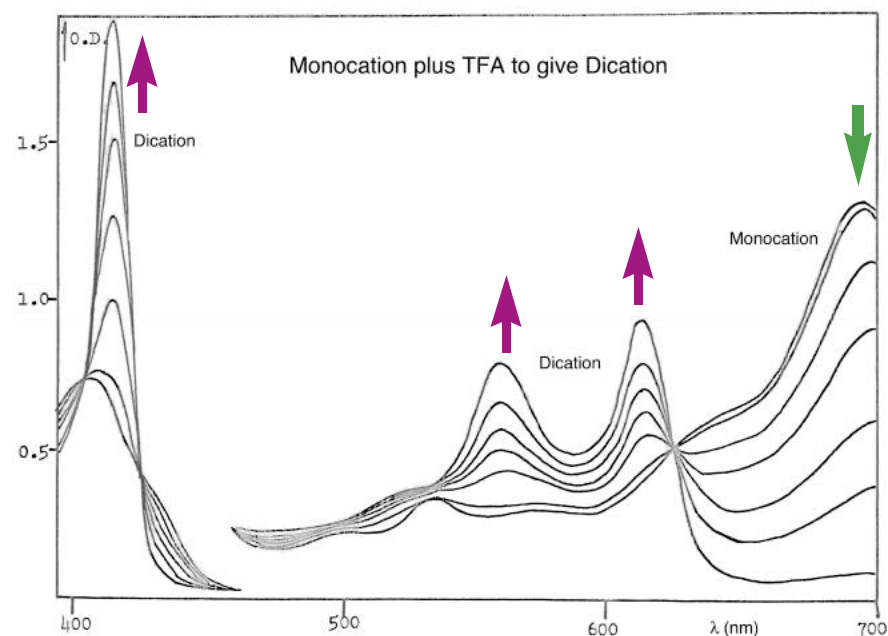
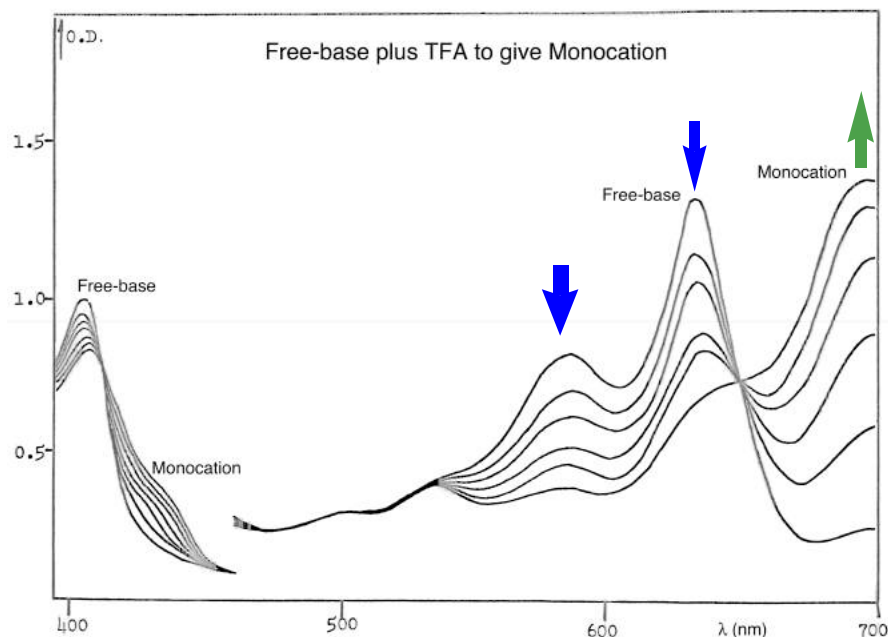


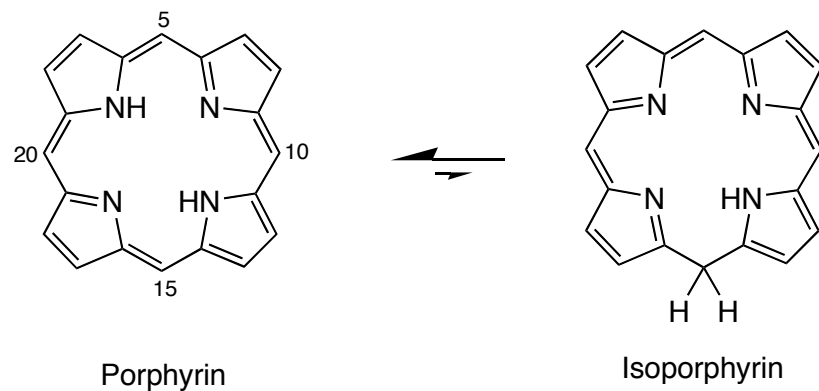
## Synthesis of Oxophlorins (Oxyporphyrins) from Magnesium and Zinc Porphyrin Chelates<sup>1</sup>

By **Graham H. Barnett, Mervyn F. Hudson, Stuart W. McCombie, and Kevin M. Smith,\*** The Robert Robinson Laboratories, University of Liverpool, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX

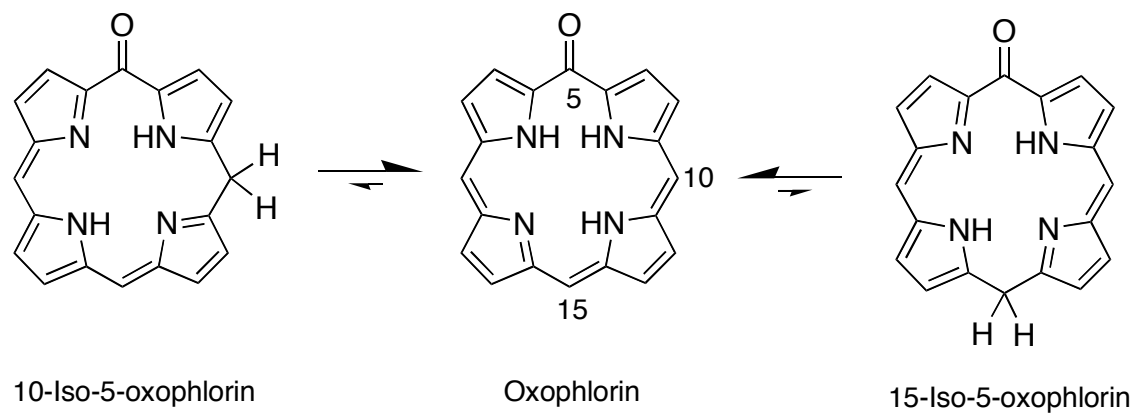
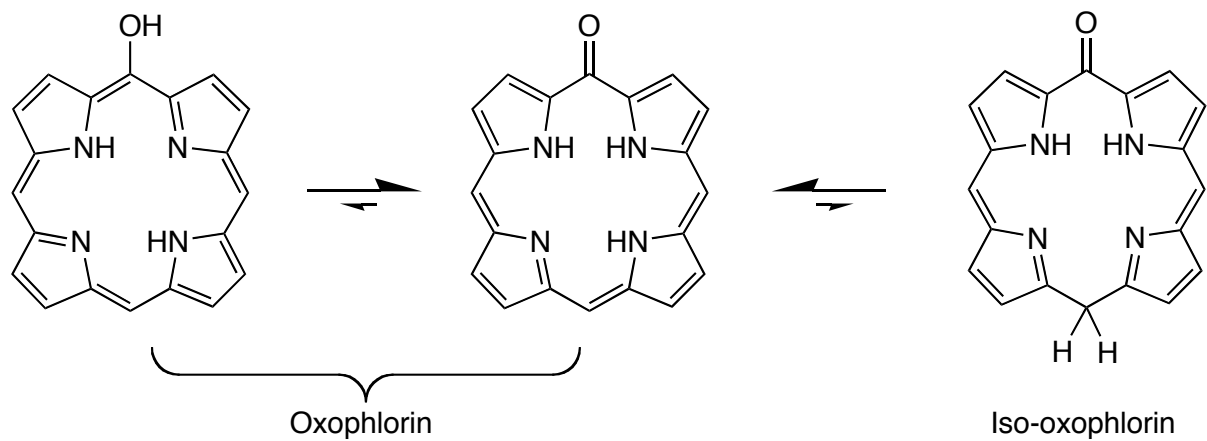
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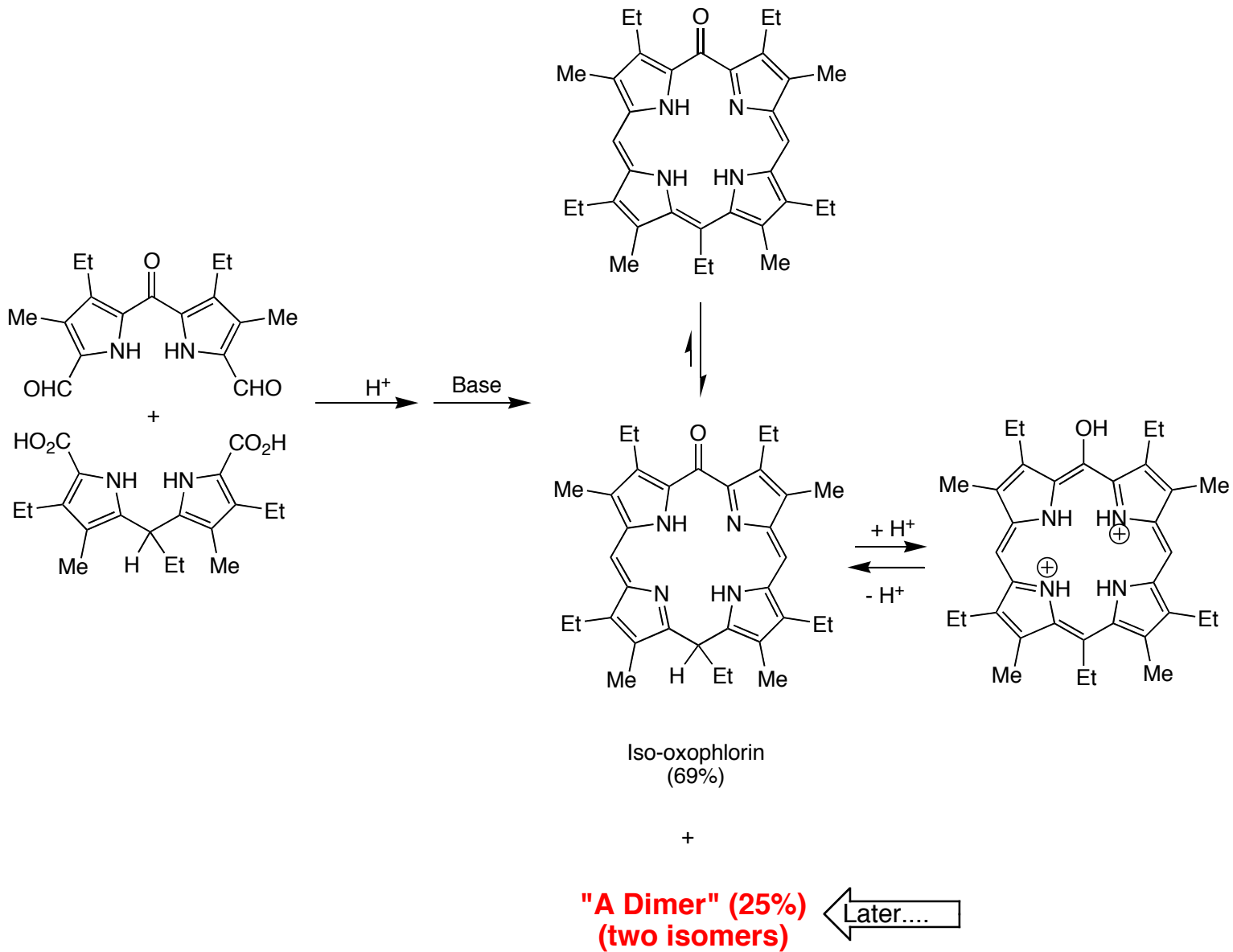
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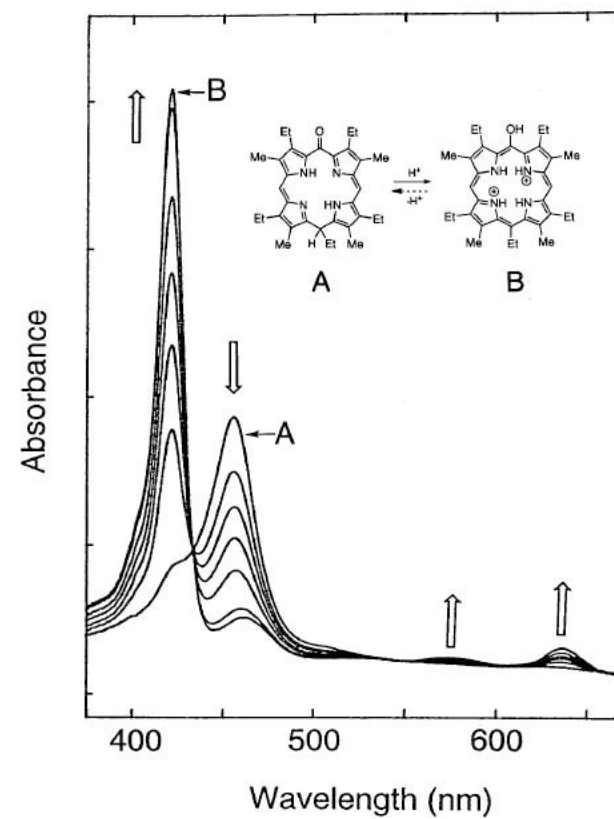
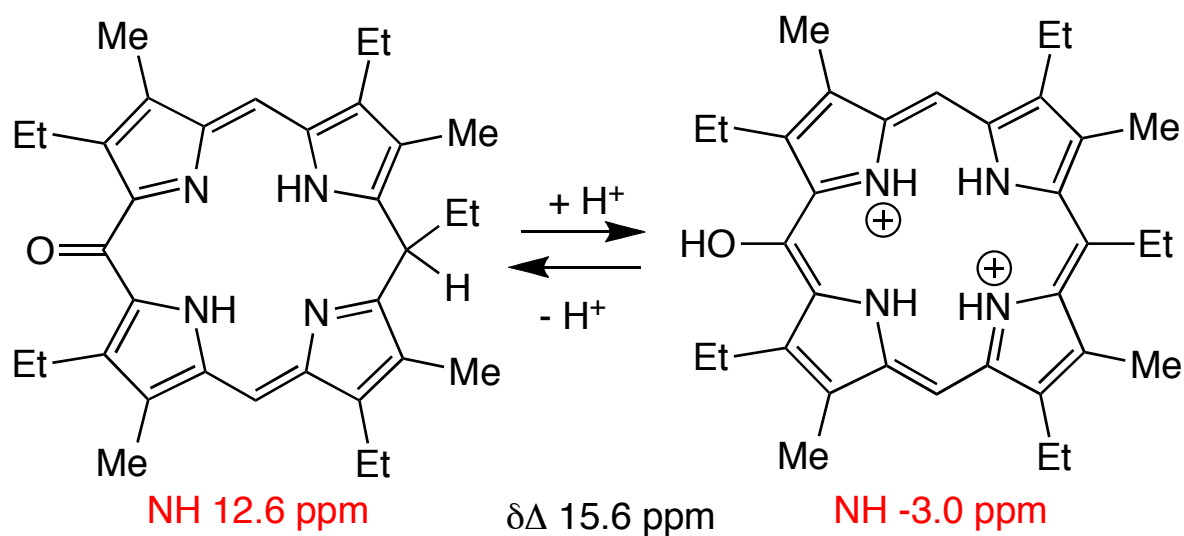
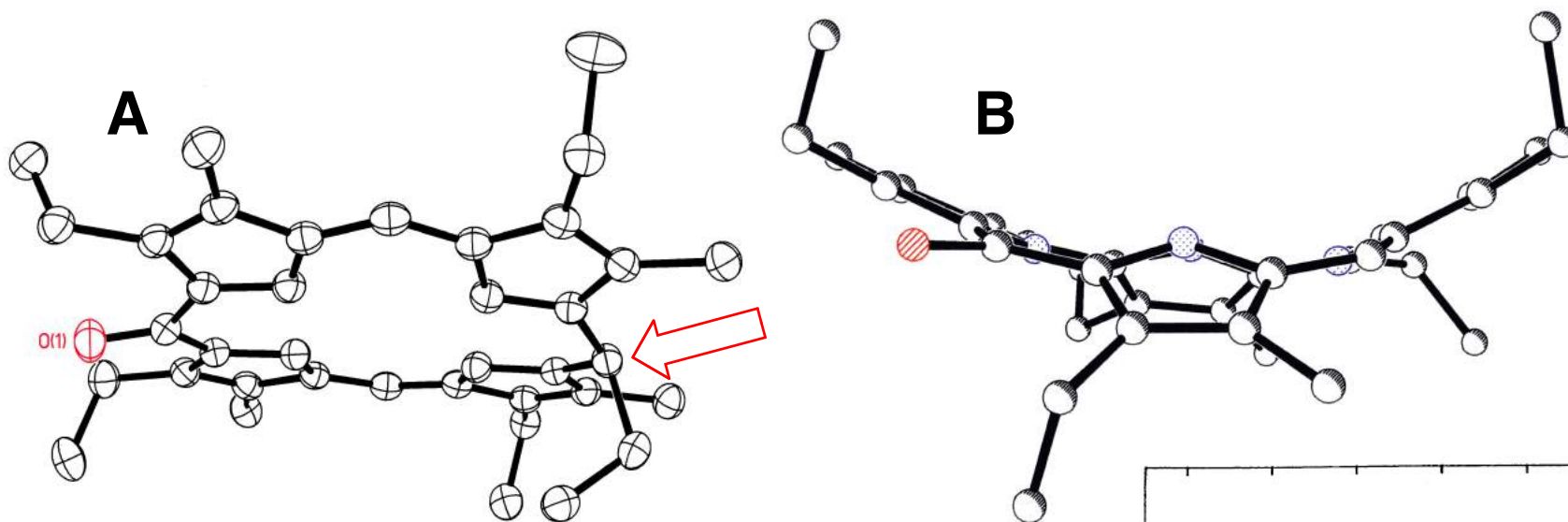


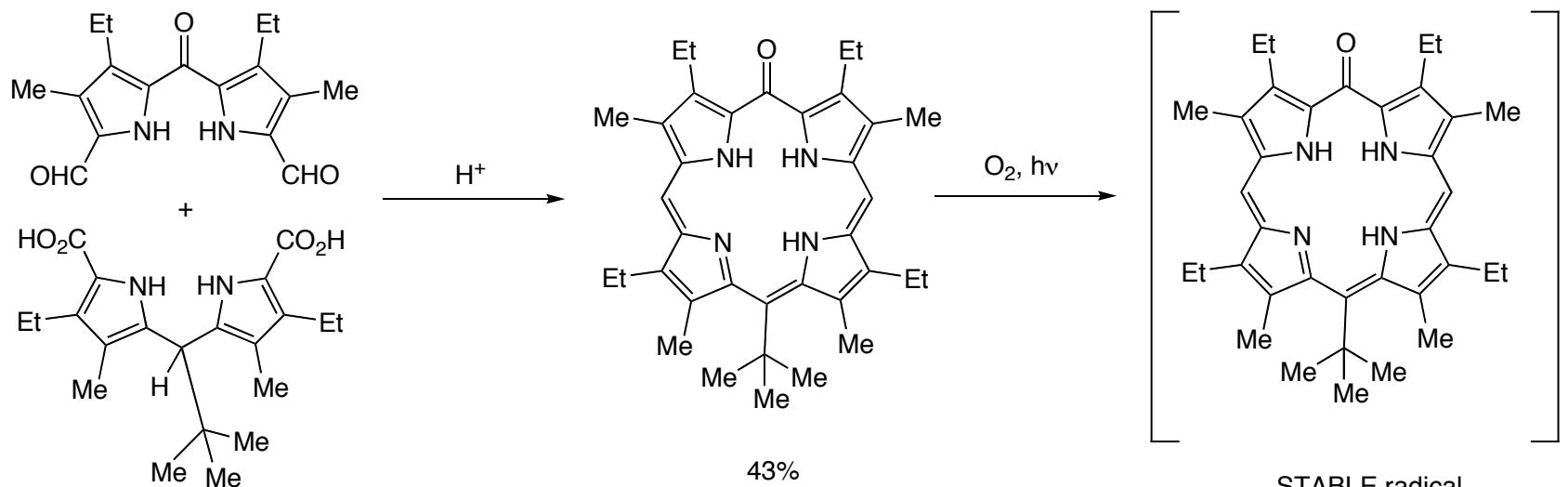
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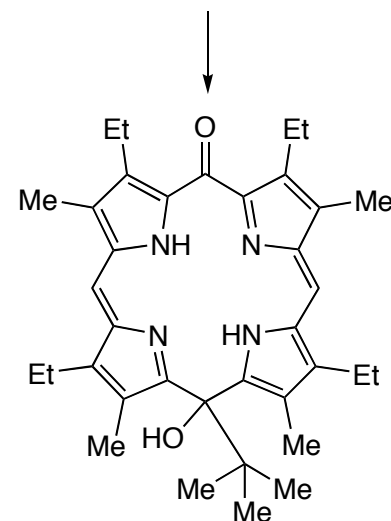
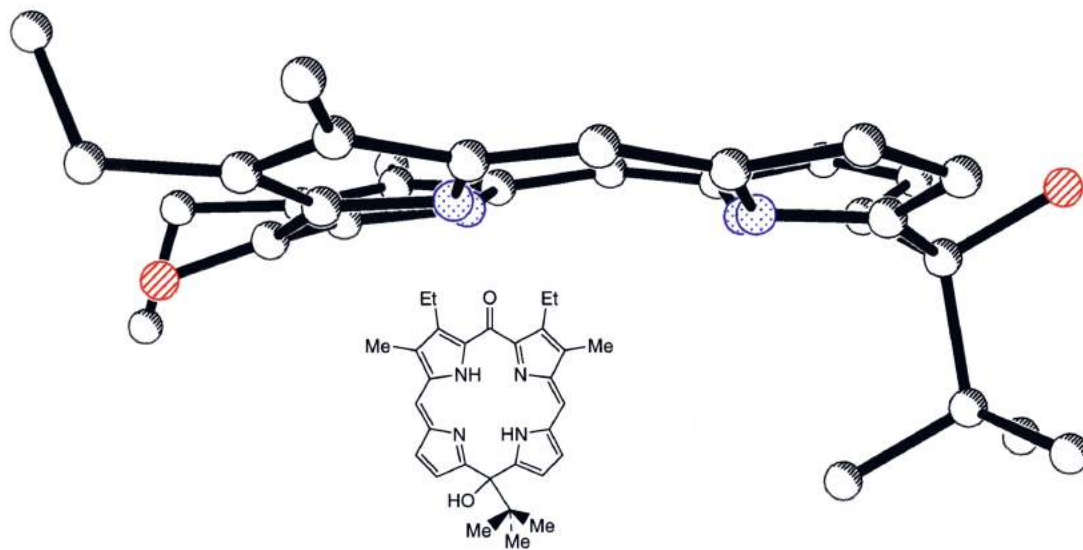
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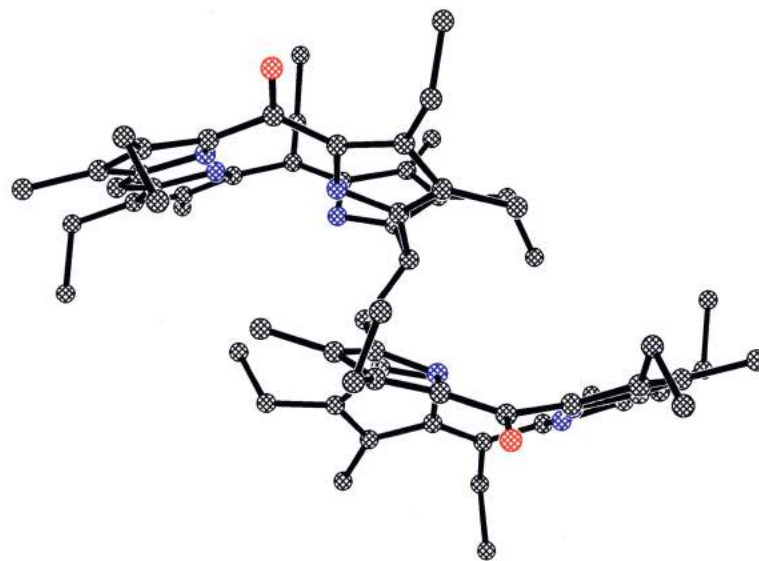
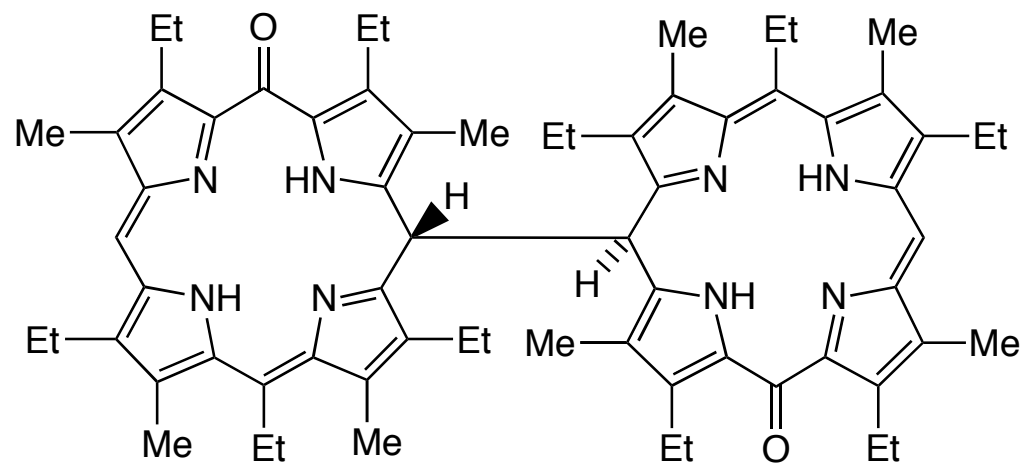
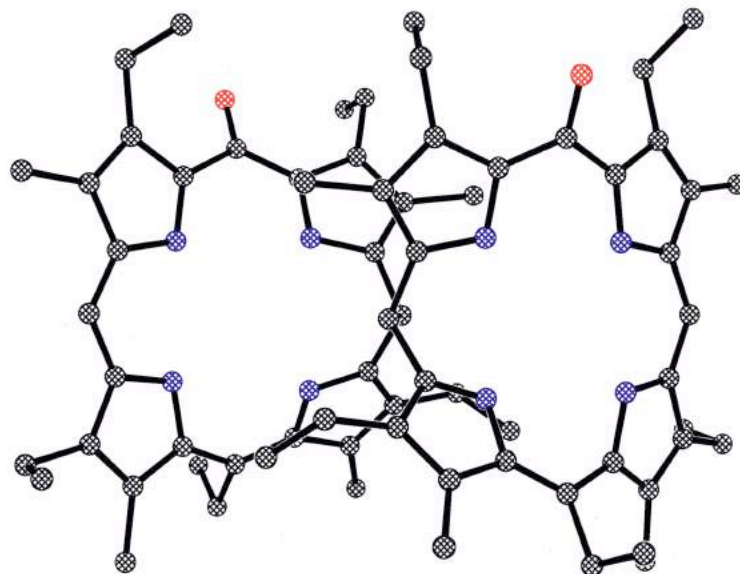
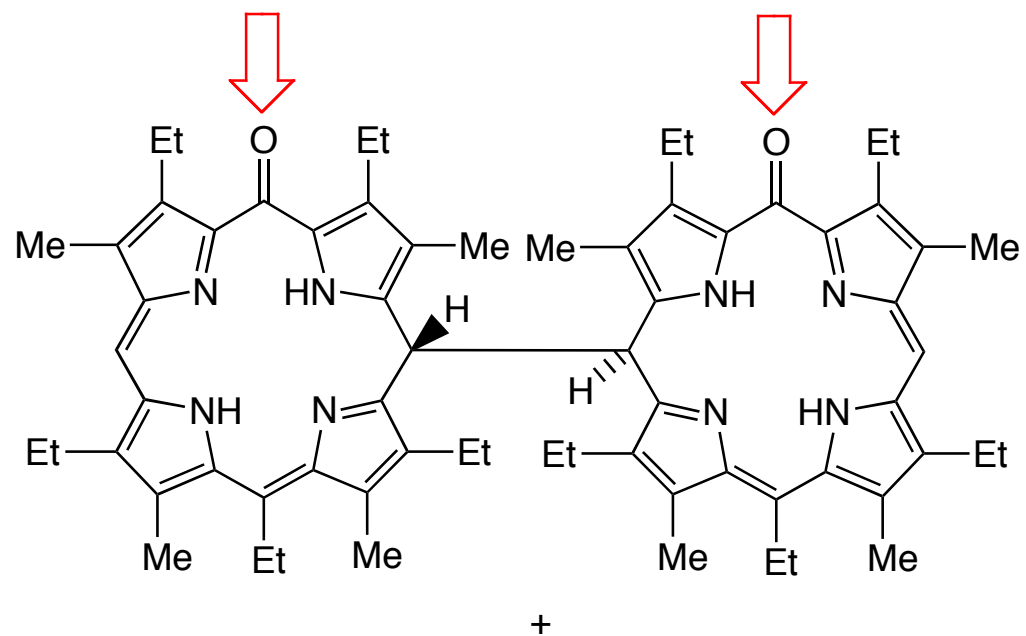




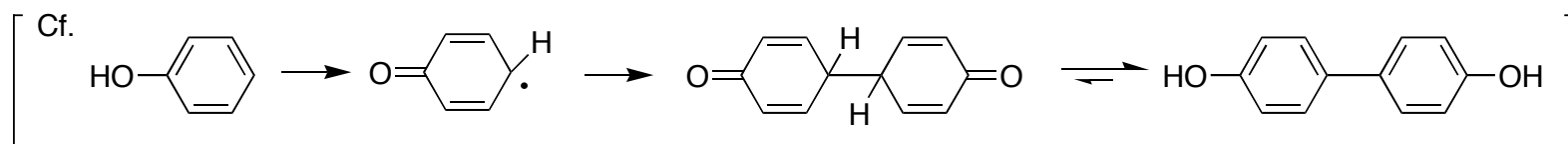
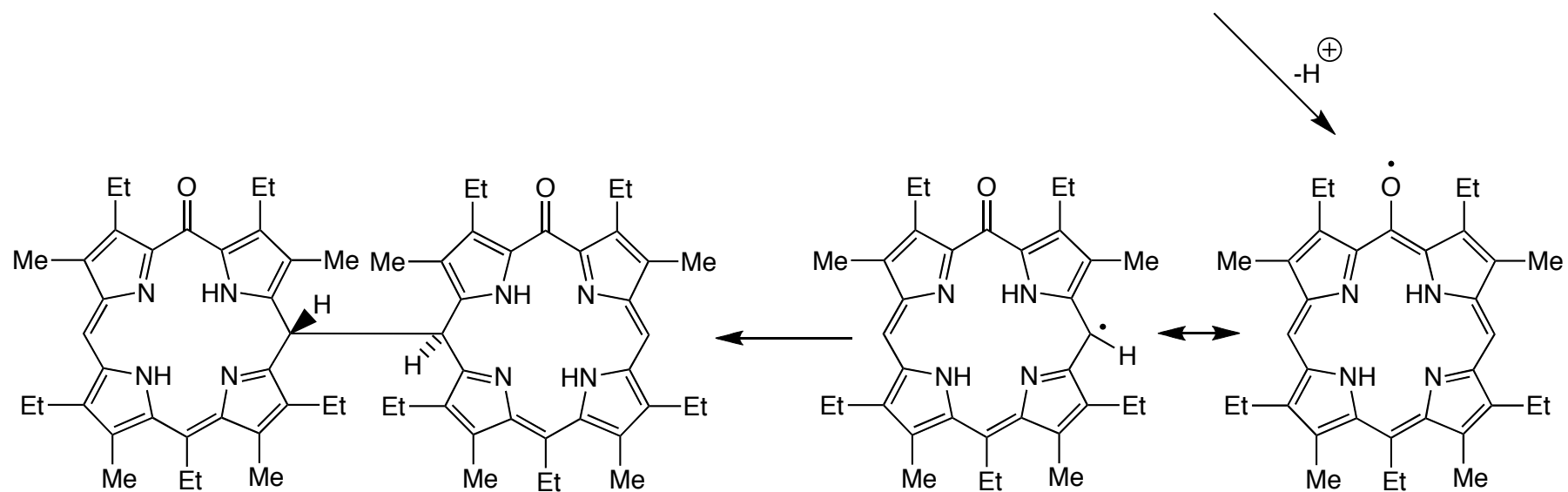
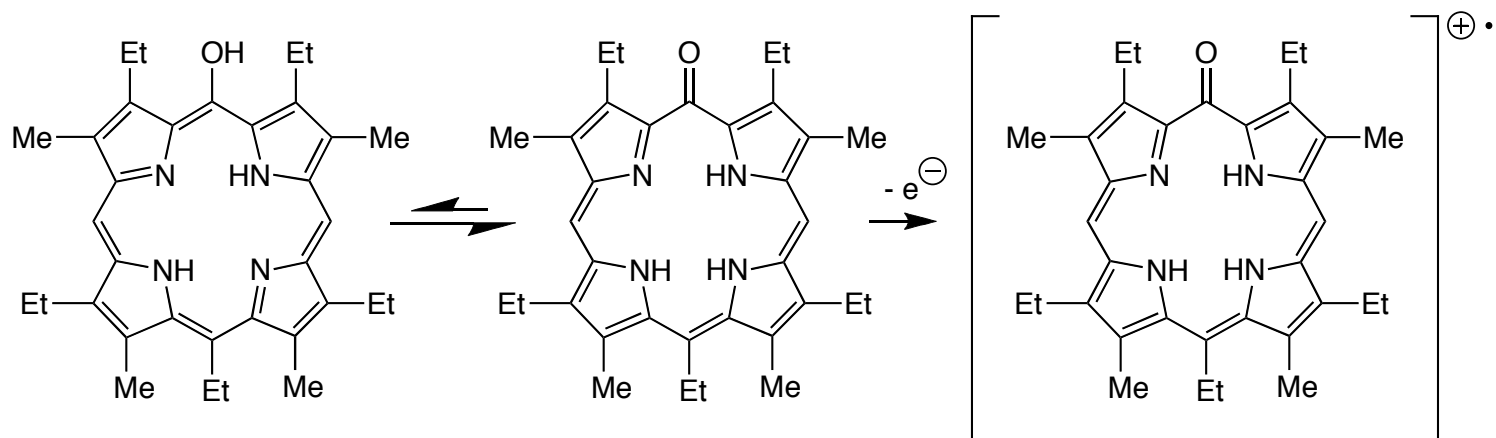
STABLE radical  
 90% yield  
 ESR 3,000G  
 $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 2.5 \mu_B$  at 297K (Evans)  
 30% decomp. in soln. in presence  
 of  $O_2$  over 3 weeks

R. G. Khoury, L. Jaquinod, A. M. Shachter, N. Y. Nelson and K. M. Smith.  
*Chem. Commun.* **1997**, 215.

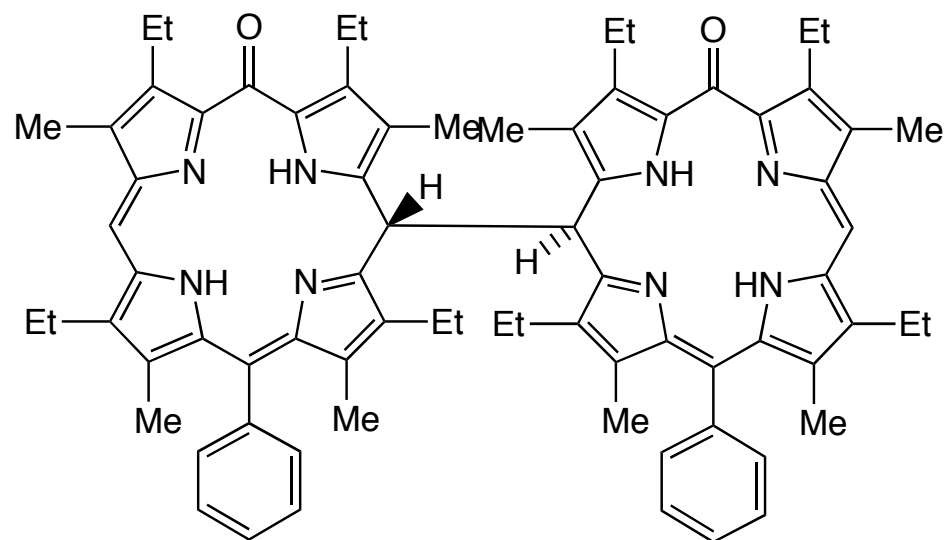




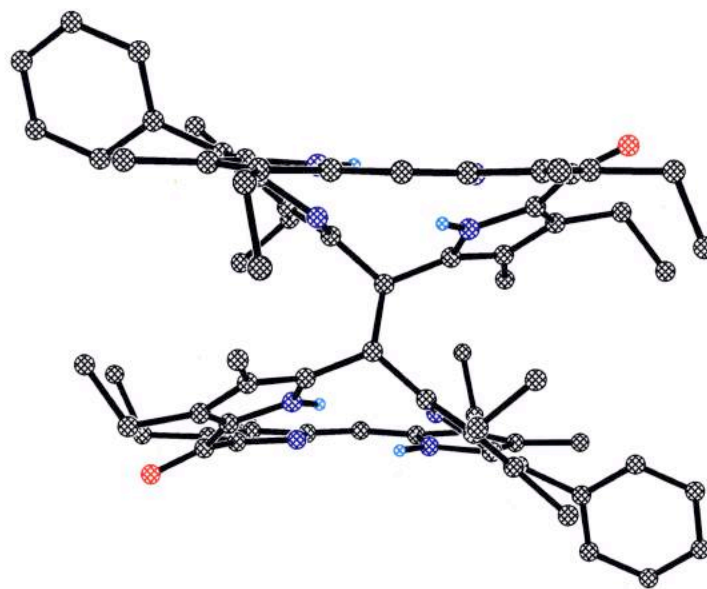
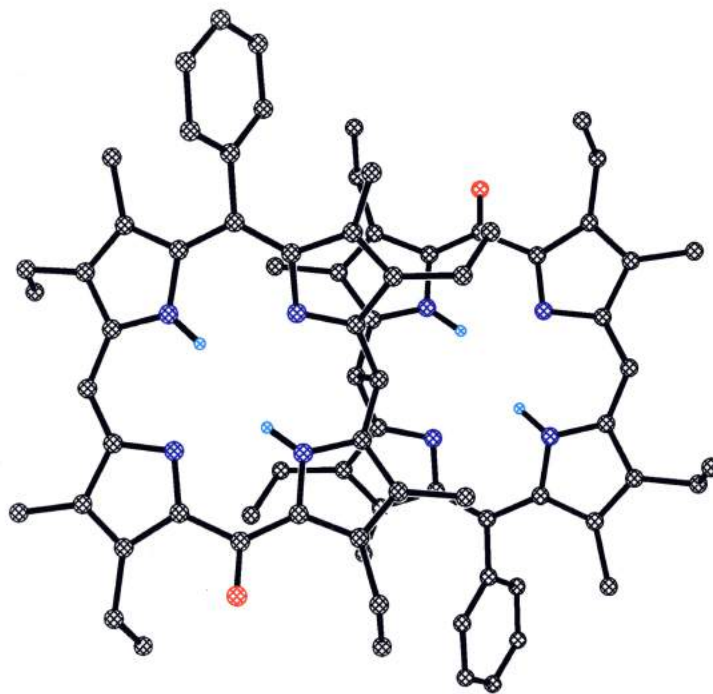
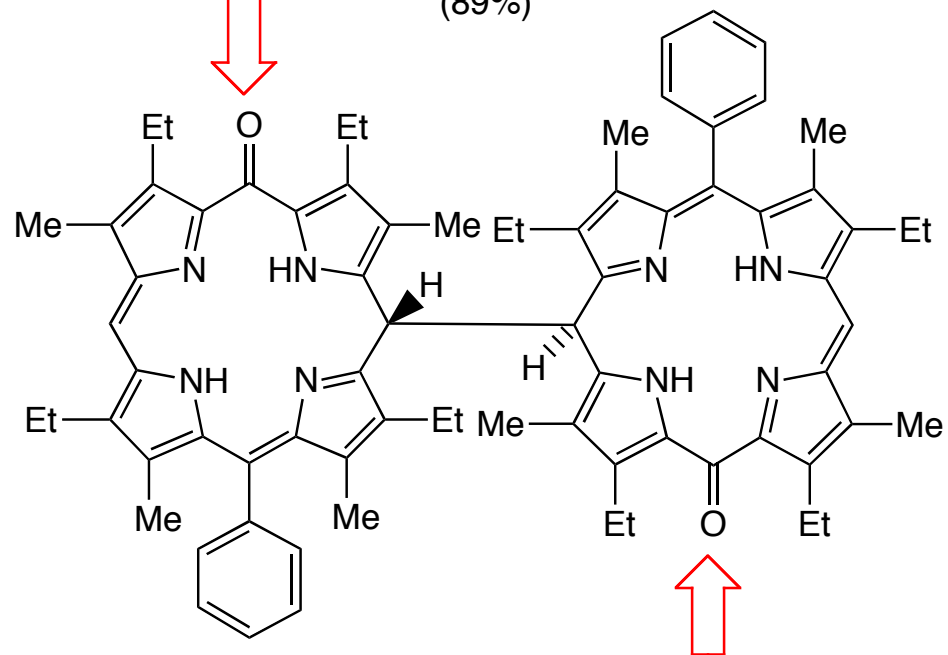
**"A Dimer" (25%)**

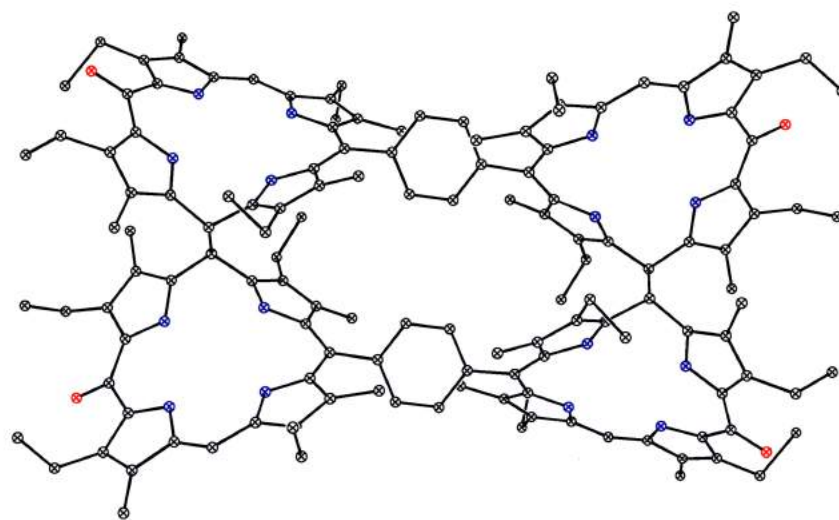
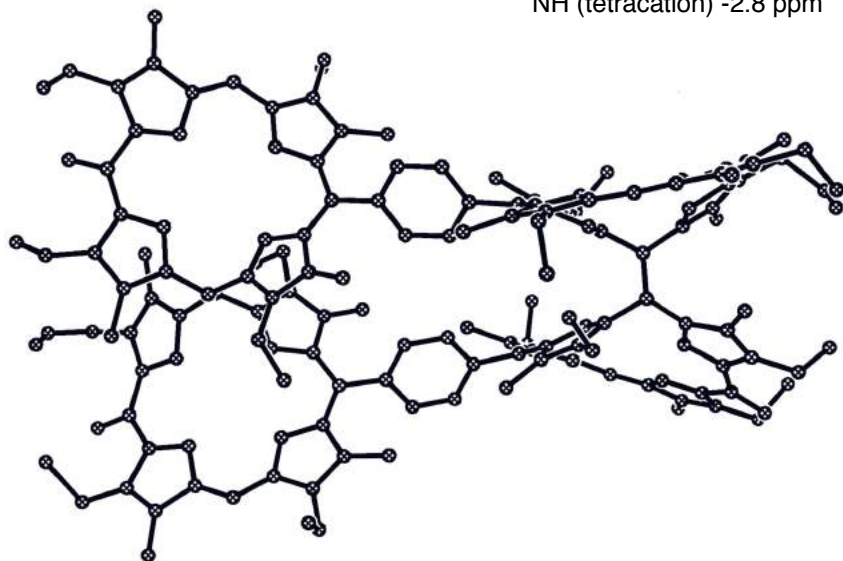
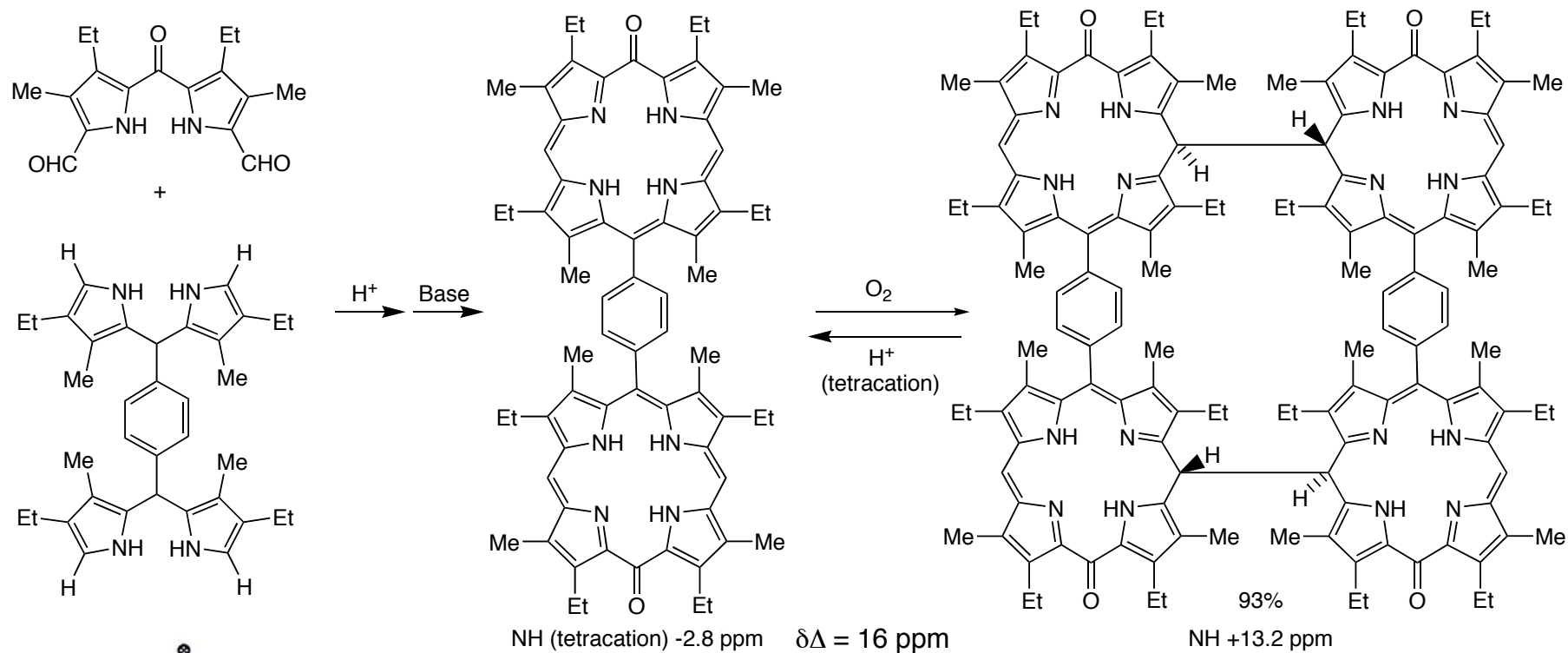






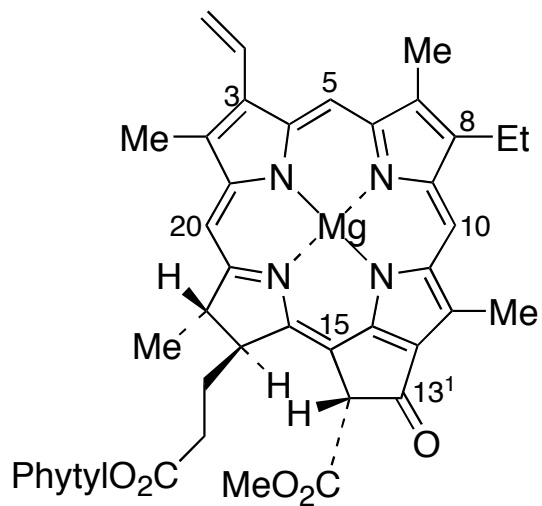
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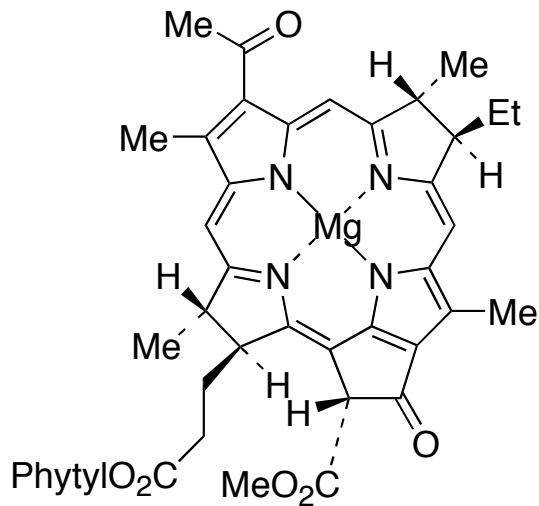


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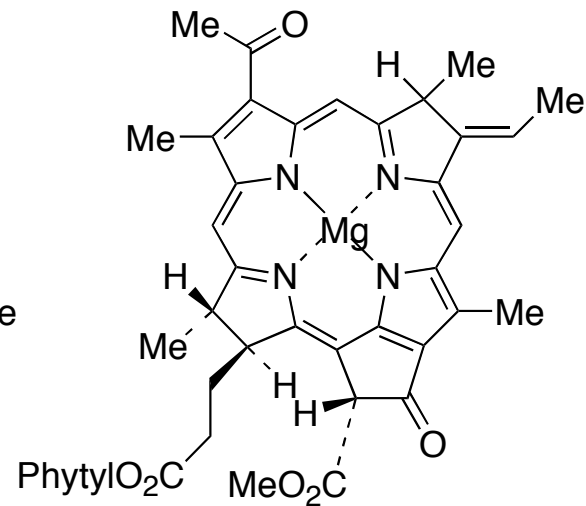
# Chlorosomal Chlorophylls



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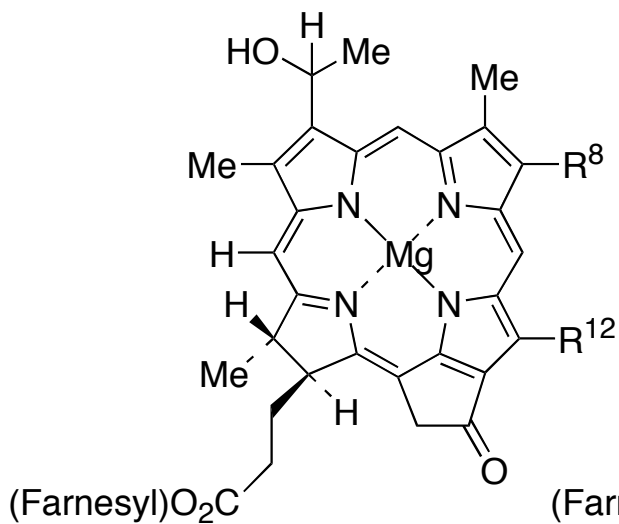


Bchl-a

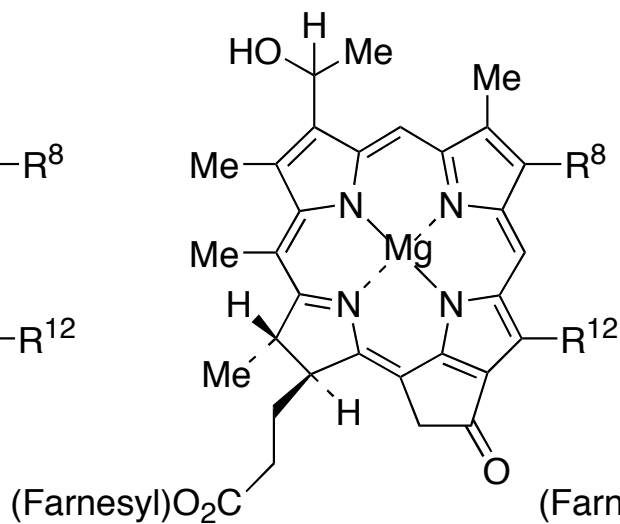


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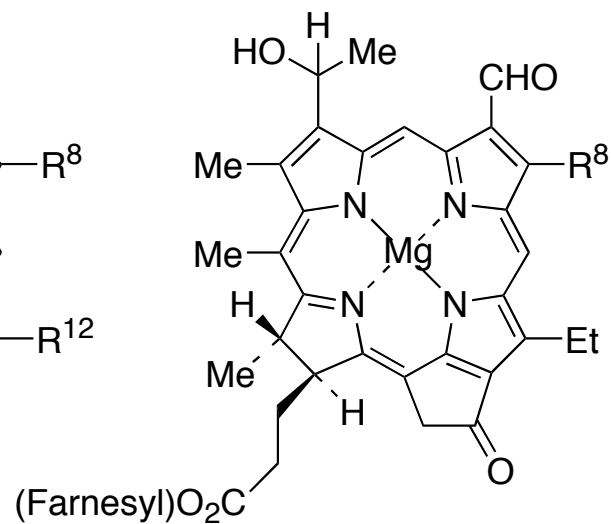
"Chlorobium" (Chlorosome) Chlorophylls:



Bchls-d



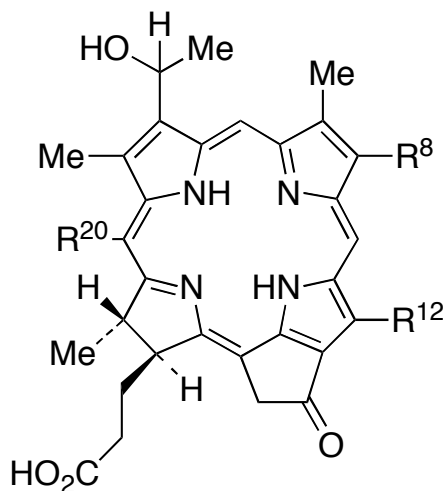
Bchls-c



Bchls-e

$R^8, R^{12}$  = alkyl homologues, Me, Et, Pr, i-Bu, etc.

# Holt's Assignments for the CbChl 650 (Bchl-d) and CbChl 660 (Bchl-c)



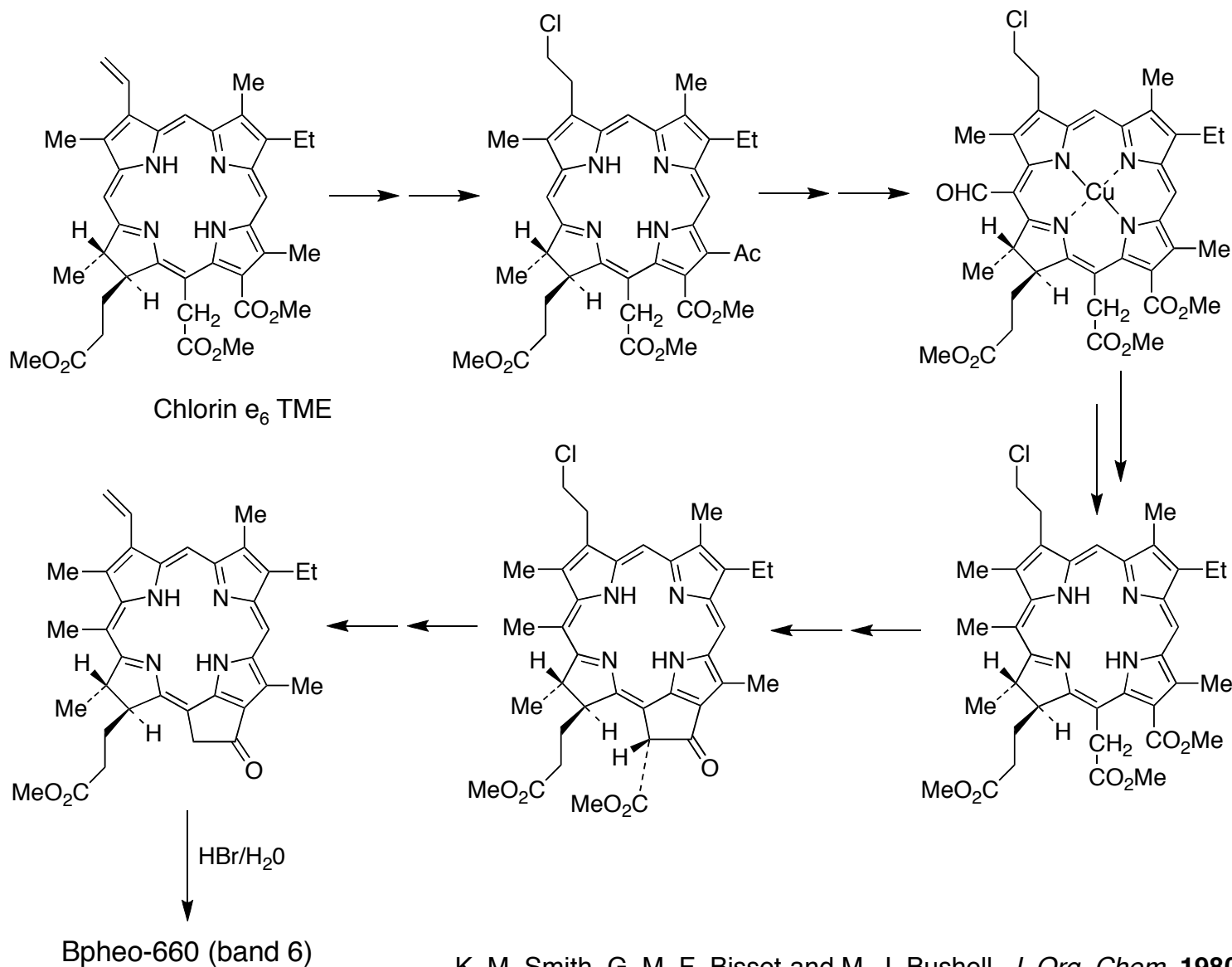
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1	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(Me) <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(Me) <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
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3	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(Me) <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
4	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
5	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
6	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>

## Mass Spectra of Selected Chromatographic Bands (1965)

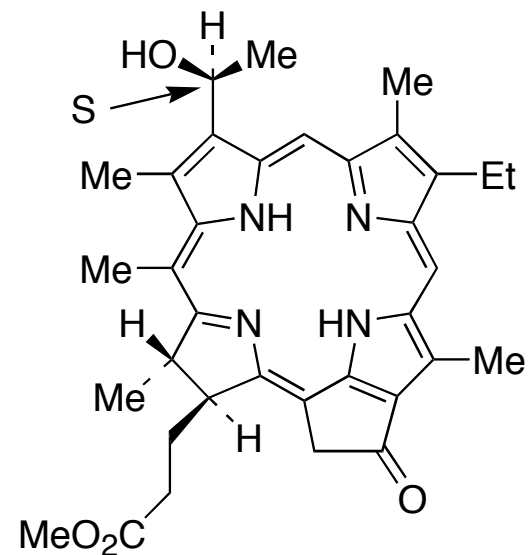
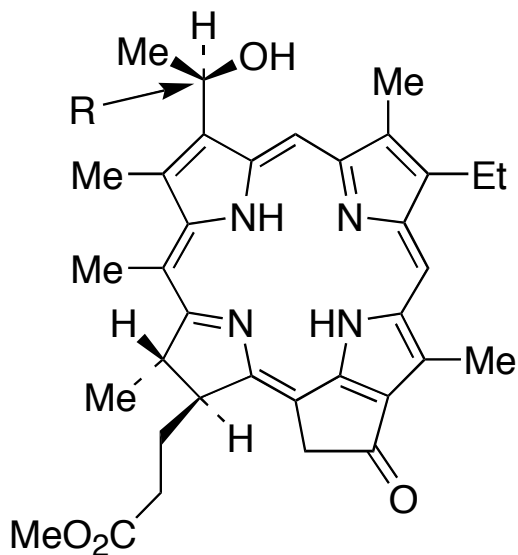
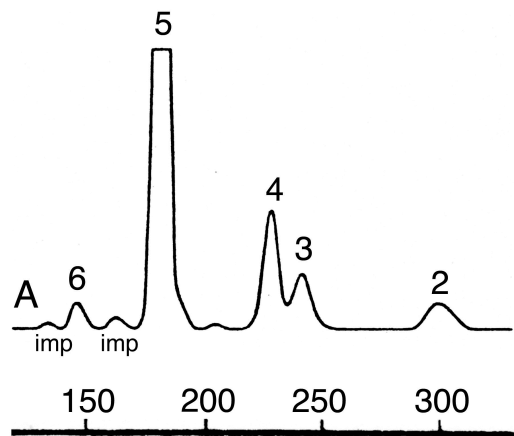
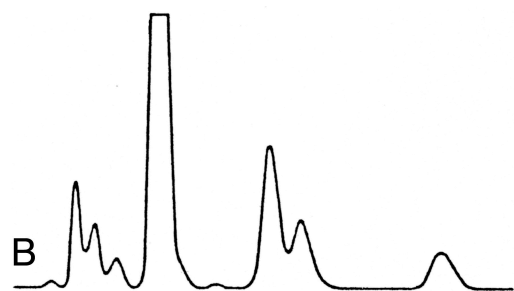
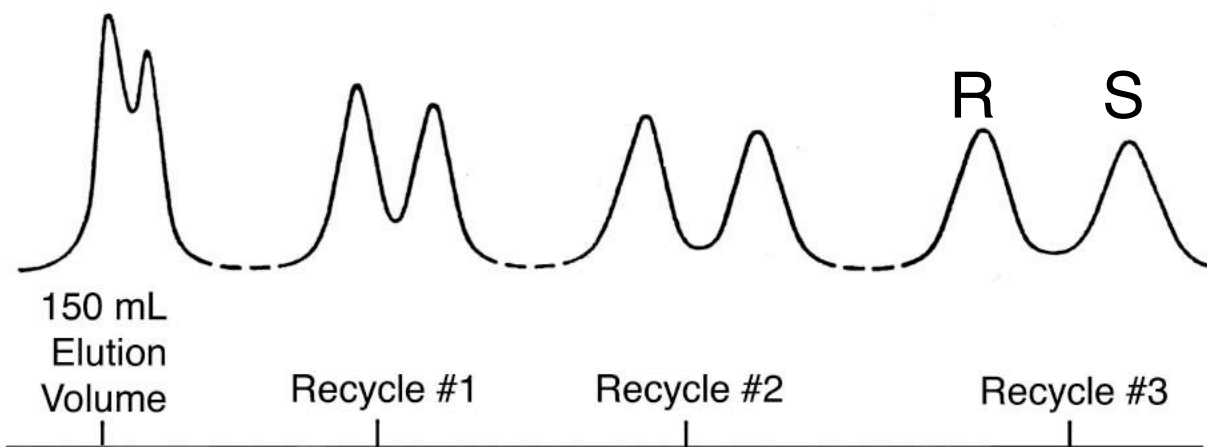
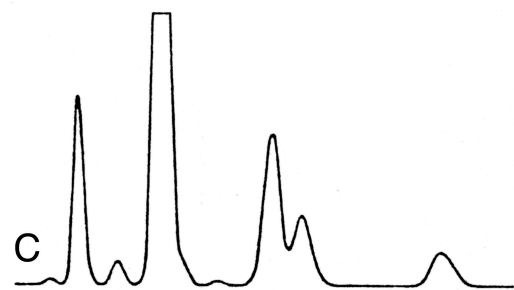
Compound	Molecular Ion ( <i>m/e</i> )		Comment
	Proposed	Observed	
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Band 1 methyl pheophorbide	608	608	✓
Band 2 methyl pheophorbide	594	594	✓
Band 3 methyl pheophorbide	594	594	✓
Band 4 methyl pheophorbide	580	580	✓
Band 6 methyl pheophorbide	566	566	✓
"660" Series (Bchl-c)			
Band 2 methyl pheophorbide	636	622	?
Band 4 methyl pheophorbide	622	608	?
Band 5 methyl pheophorbide	594	594	✓
Band 6 methyl pheophorbide	580	580	✓

**Table:** Holt's Calculated and Smith's Observed Molecular Weights for Pheophorbide Degradation Products from the Chlorobium Chlorophylls "650" and "660". Note that samples from chromatographic bands 1 and 3 were "not available" according to the Ottawa group (Holt).

# Conversion of Chl-a Series Compound into a Bchl-c Pheophorbide

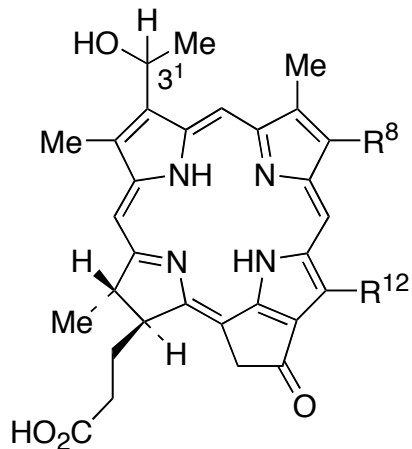


K. M. Smith, G. M. F. Bisset and M. J. Bushell. *J. Org. Chem.* **1980**, *45*, 2218.  
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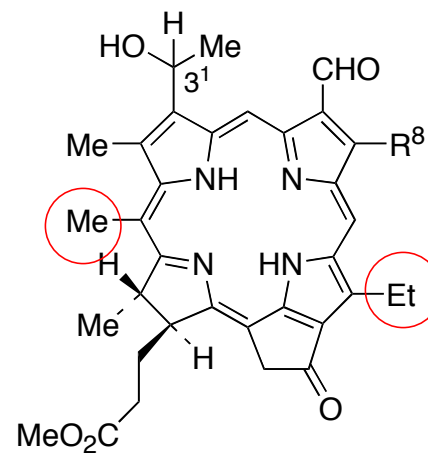


## Bchl-d Series



Band	R <sup>8</sup>	R <sup>12</sup>	Config. at position-3 <sup>1</sup>
<b>6</b>	Et	Me	R
<b>5</b>	Et	Et	R
<b>4</b>	Pr	Me	R
<b>3</b>	Pr	Et	R
<b>2</b>	i-Bu	Me	S
<b>1</b>	i-Bu	Et	S
<b>new</b>	neo-Pn	Me	S
<b>new</b>	neo-Pn	Et	S

## Bchl-e Series



R <sup>8</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> -R	3 <sup>1</sup> -S
i-Bu	2%	98%
Pr	40%	60%
Et	95%	5%

K. M. Smith, D. A. Goff, J. Fajer and K. M. Barkigia.  
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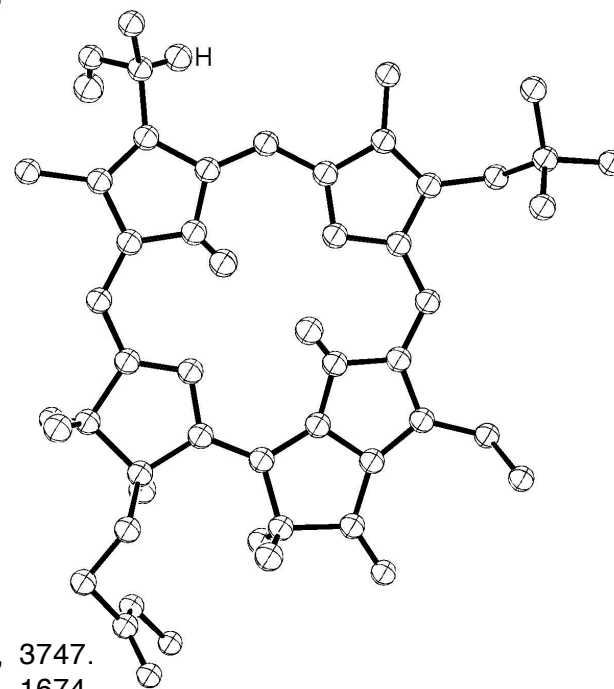
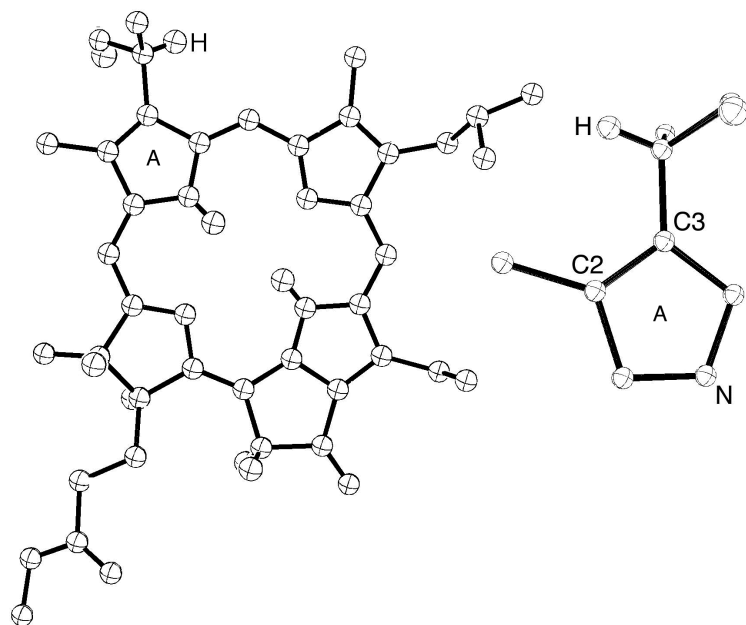
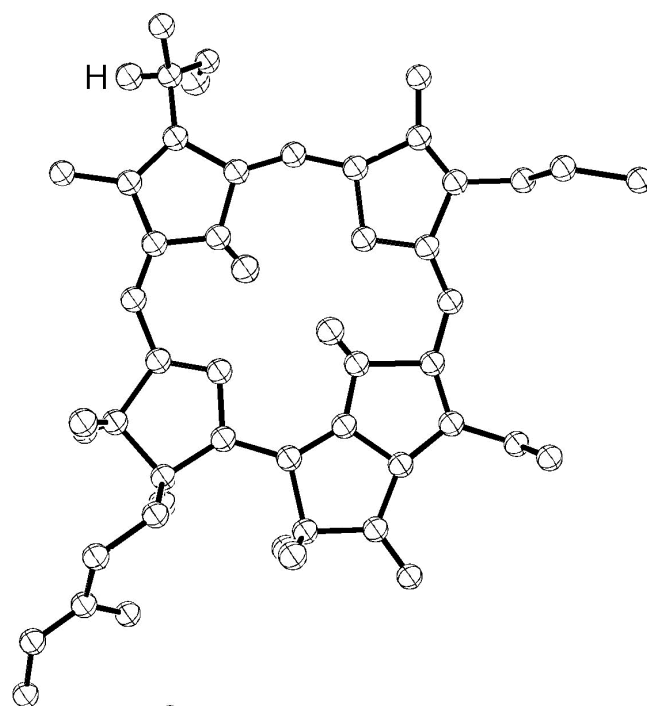
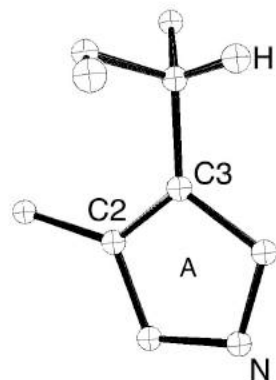
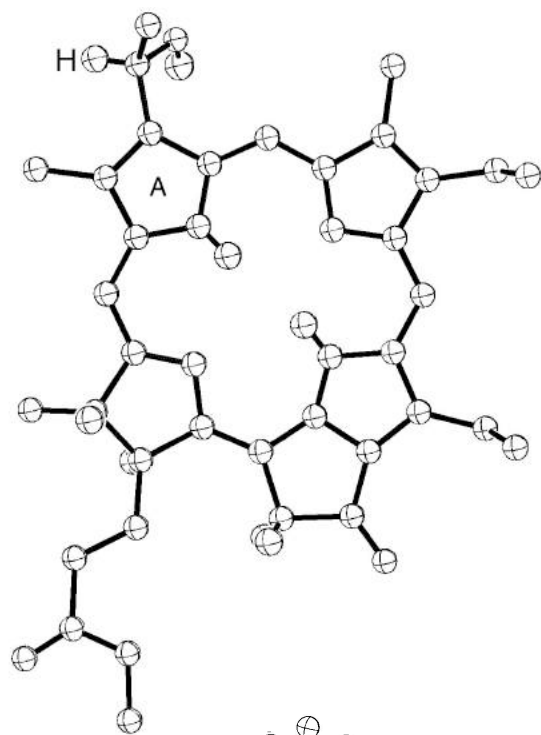
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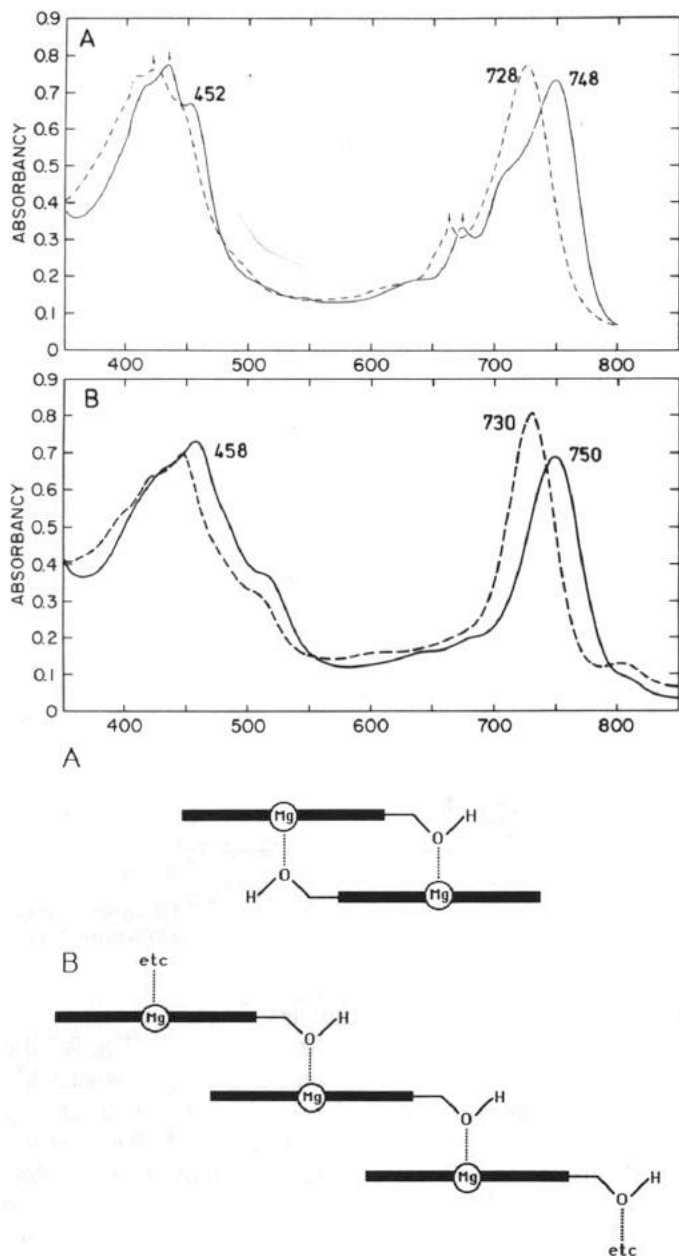


FIGURE 10: Major interactions responsible for aggregate formation in BChl-c, -d, and -e: (A) dimers; (B) higher oligomers. In (B) the opportunity is also present for the isocyclic ring carbonyl to coordinate with the magnesium in the BChl above.

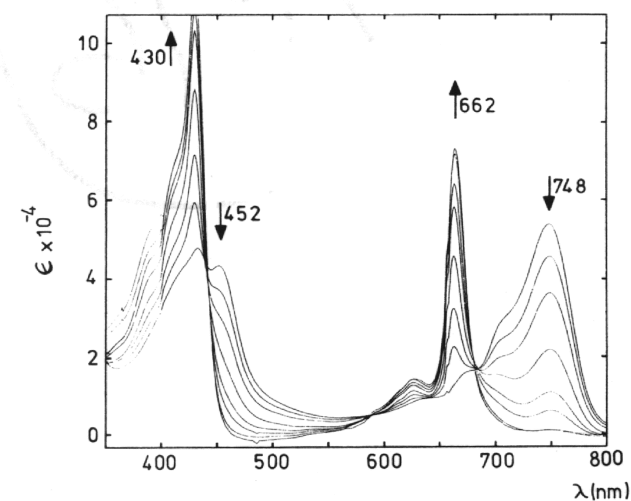


Figure 1. Spectrophotometric titration of a  $1.95 \times 10^{-5}$  M solution of bacteriochlorophylls *c* (1) in hexane-methylene chloride (200:1). During the titration,  $1\text{-}\mu\text{L}$  aliquots of methanol were added to a 1-cm cell containing 4 mL of solution.

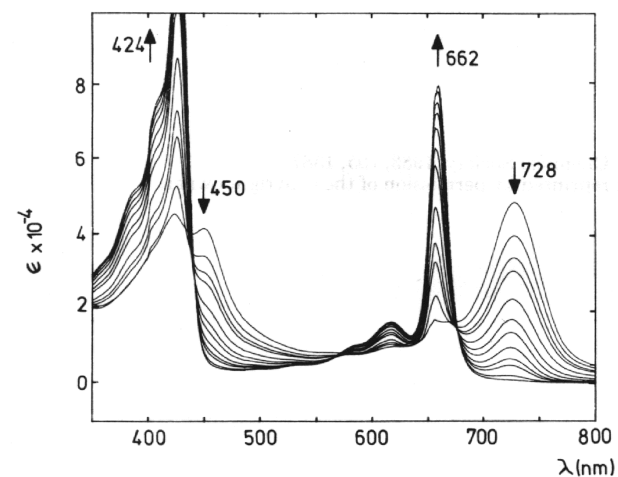
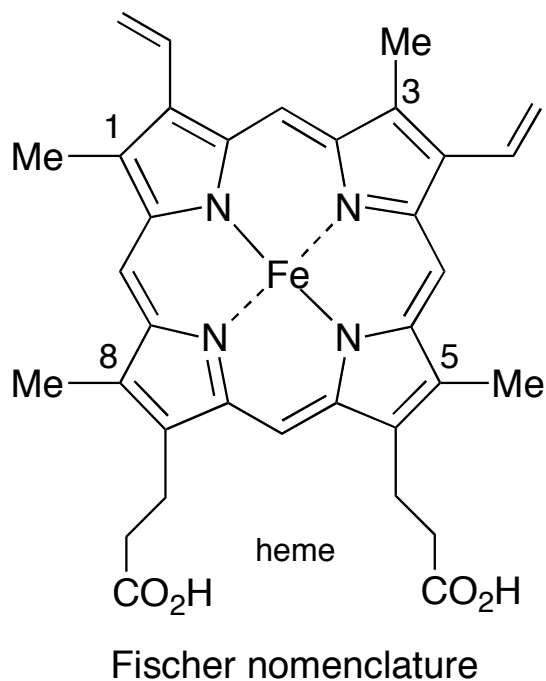


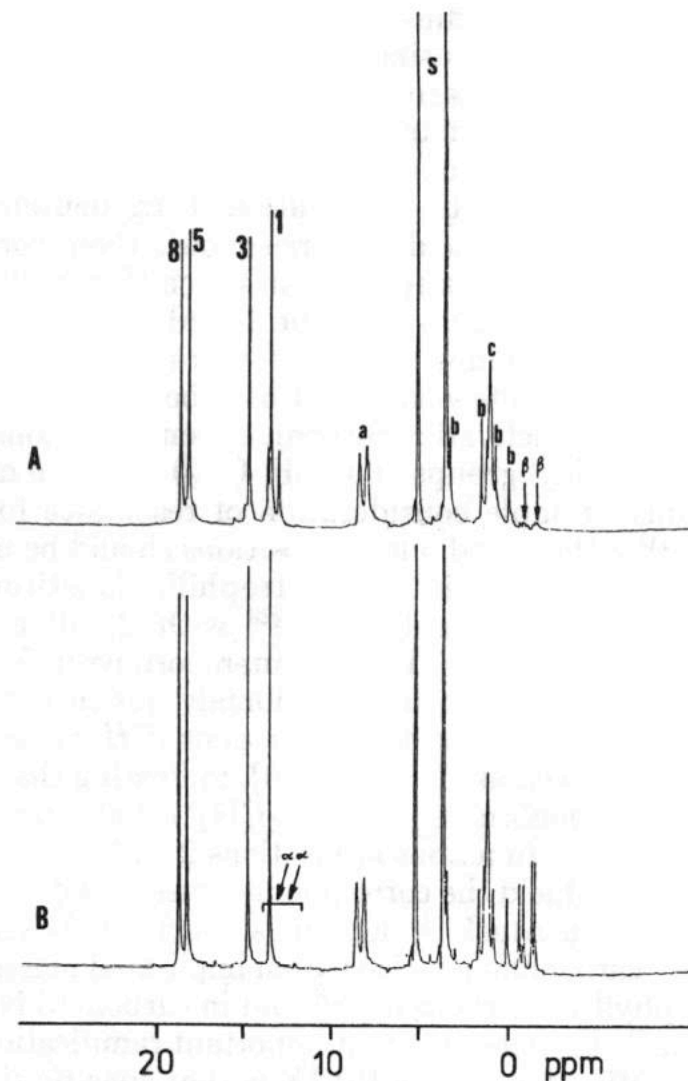
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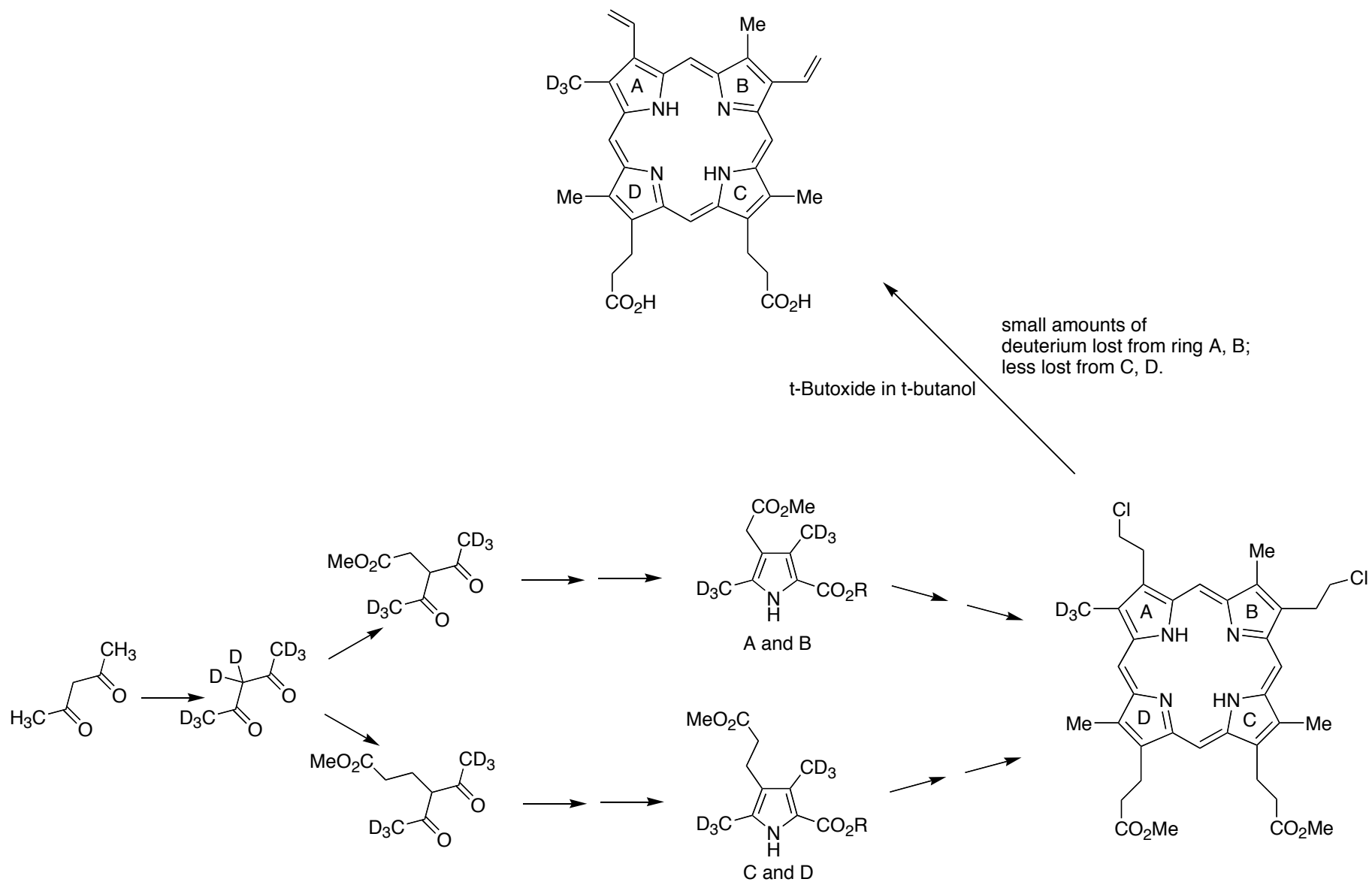
# Isotope labeling of protoporphyrin IX



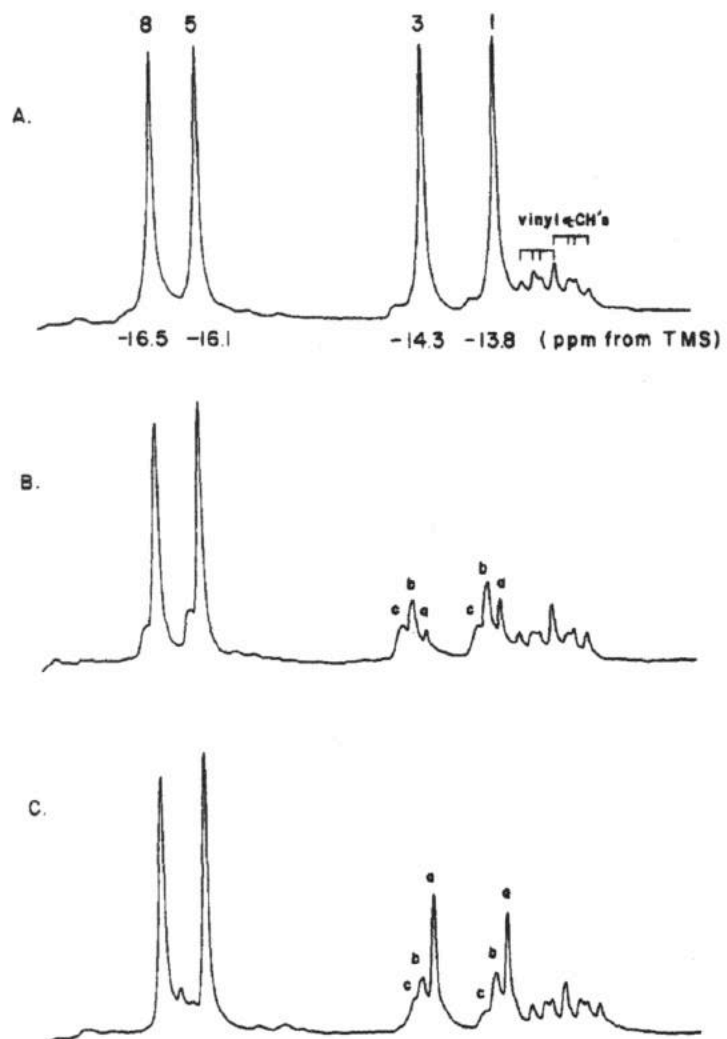
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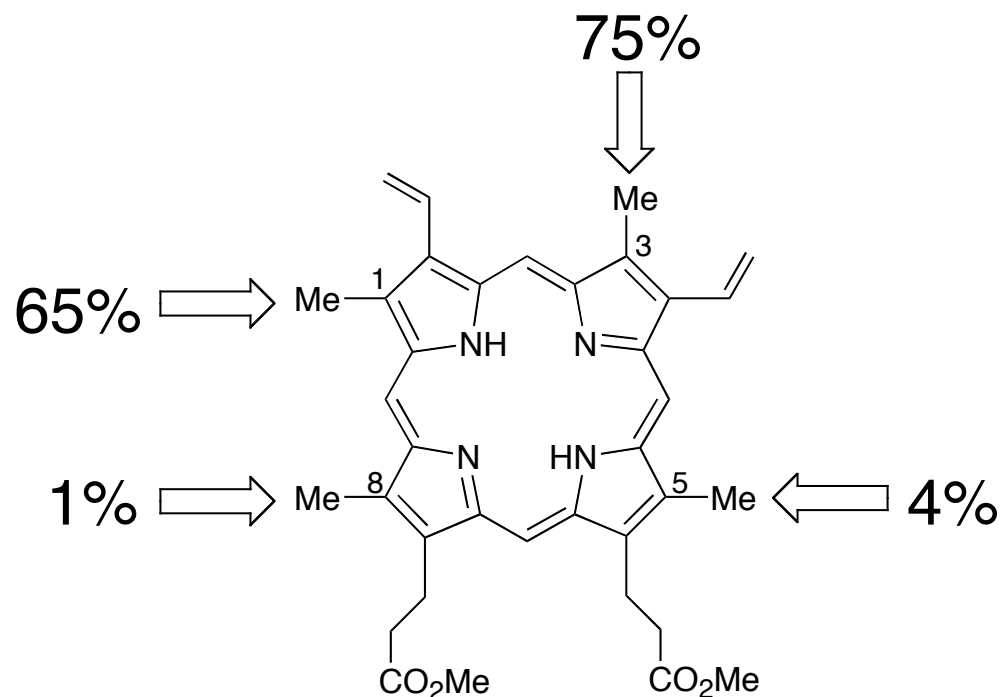
**Figure 1.** 100-MHz proton NMR spectra, in CD<sub>3</sub>OD, of the dicyanoferrihemes from (A) PP-IX with vinyl H<sub>β</sub> deuterated; (B) PP-IX with vinyl-H<sub>α</sub> deuterated. Assignments: 8, 5, 3, 1, ring methyls; a, propionic α-CH<sub>2</sub>; b, meso H; c, propionic β-CH<sub>2</sub>; S solvent.

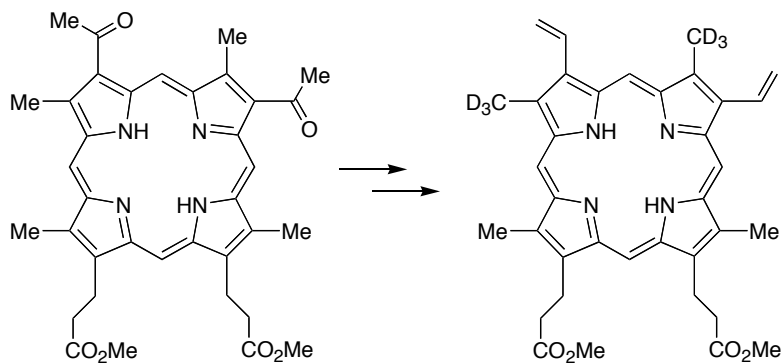


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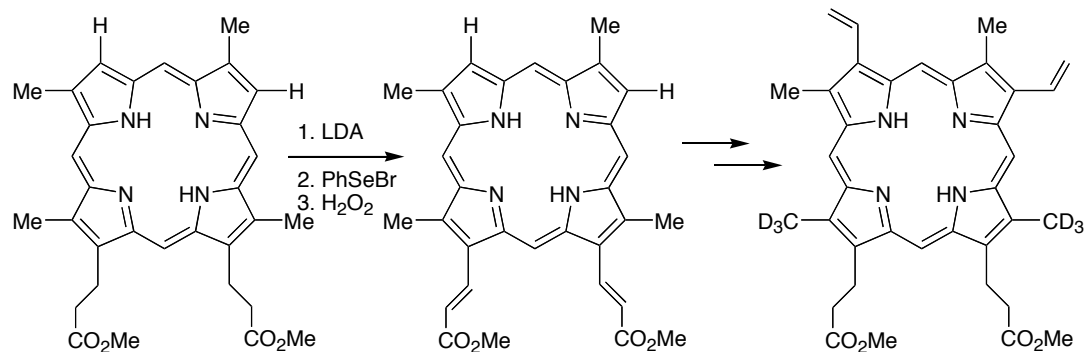


**Figure 1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR traces of the ring methyl region (8–18 ppm downfield from TMS) of protoporphyrin IX iron(III) dicyanide (4), A; for a sample of 4 treated with  $\text{CH}_3\text{ONa}/\text{CH}_3\text{OD}$  to partially deuterate 1,3-methyls, B; and for a sample of 4 90% deuterated at 1,3-methyls and then reprotoneated via treatment with  $\text{CH}_3\text{ONa}/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ , C. All traces are in methanol- $d_4$  at 25 °C. The peaks a, b, and c for the partially deuterated methyls represent  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{D}$ , and  $\text{CHD}_2$ , respectively, where the shift differences arise from isotope effects on the contact shift.<sup>9</sup>

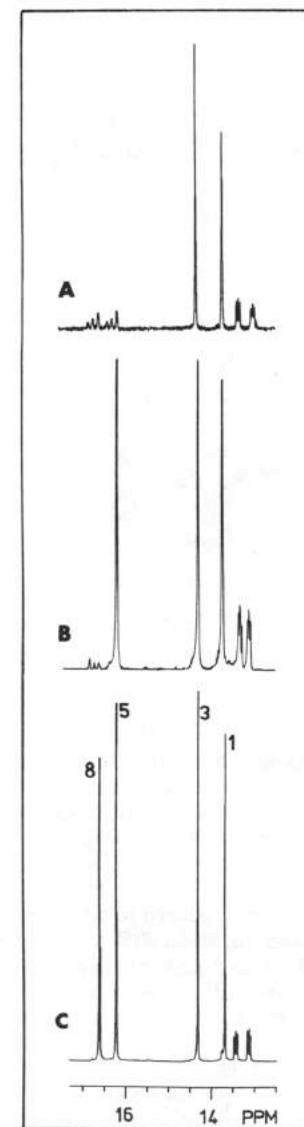
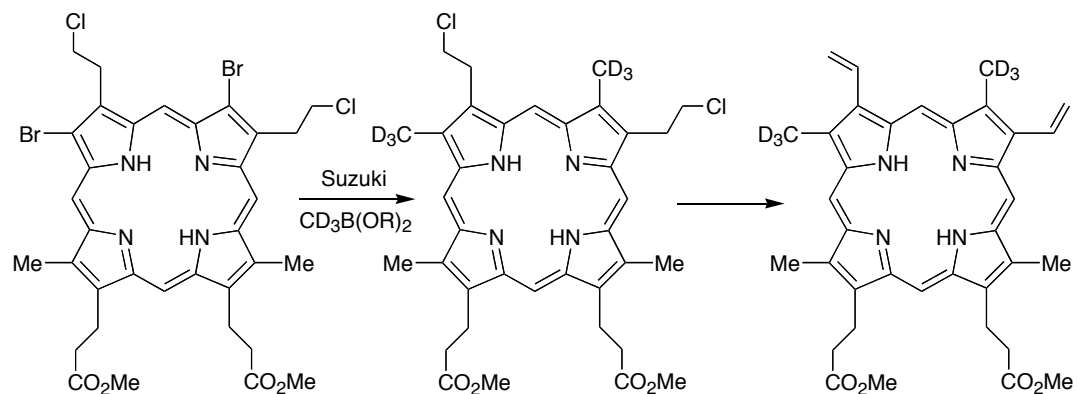




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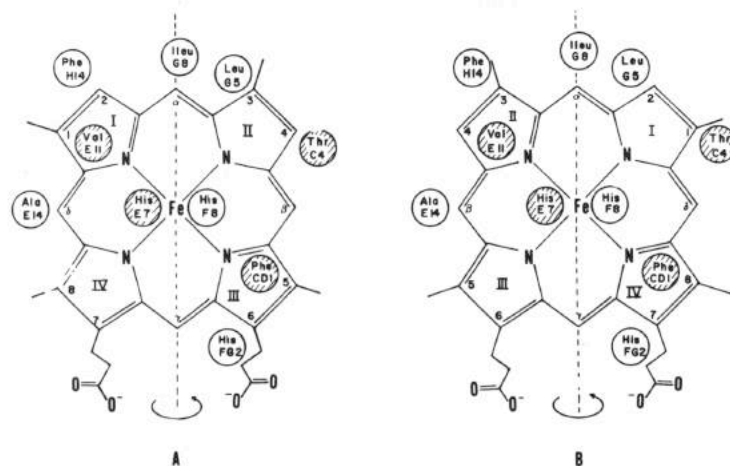


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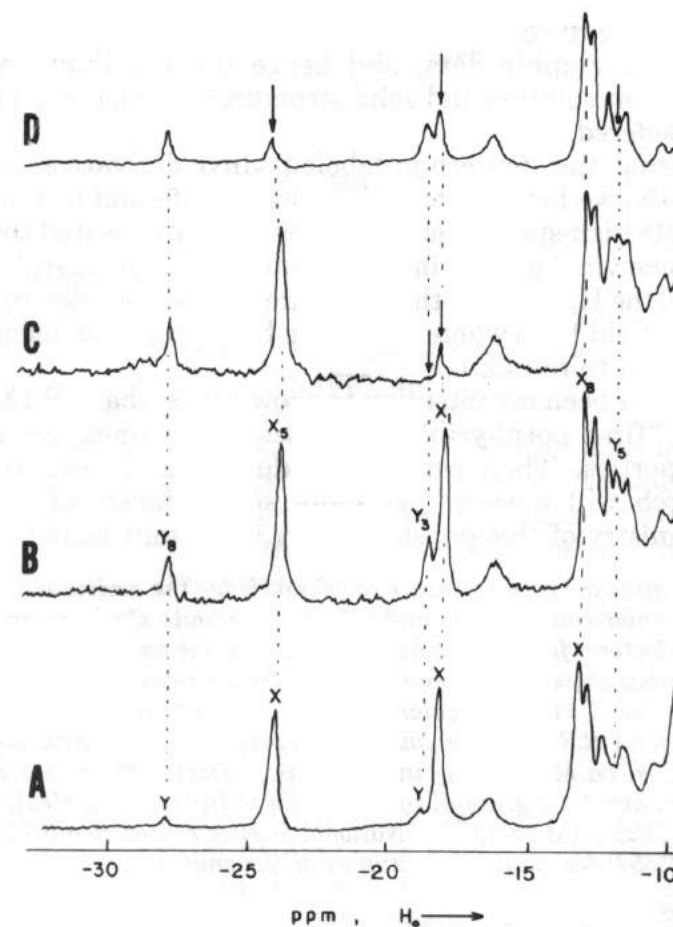


**Figure 1.** Proton NMR spectra (360 MHz, in methanol- $d_4$  containing KCN): (A) 5,8-bis(trideuteriomethyl)hemin (13); (B) 8-(trideuteriomethyl)hemin (30); (C) unlabeled protohemin IX dimethyl ester. Numbers in (C) refer to the methyl assignments;<sup>1</sup> also shown (ca. 13–13.5 ppm) are the vinyl  $\alpha$ -CH resonances. Small peaks to low field of exchanged methyls are from the partially deuteriated  $\text{CH}_2\text{D}$  and  $\text{CHD}_2$  methyls.





**Figure 9.** Heme-apoprotein contacts for protoheme in the pocket of sperm whale Mb. Open circles indicate contacts on the proximal side; shaded circles represent contacts on the distal side of the heme. Only the methyl groups and the propionic acid substituents are included to show the case for deuterioheme. (A) Normal orientations as found in the native protein. (B) Reversed orientations, with the heme rotated 180° in the heme pocket about the  $\alpha, \gamma$  axis.

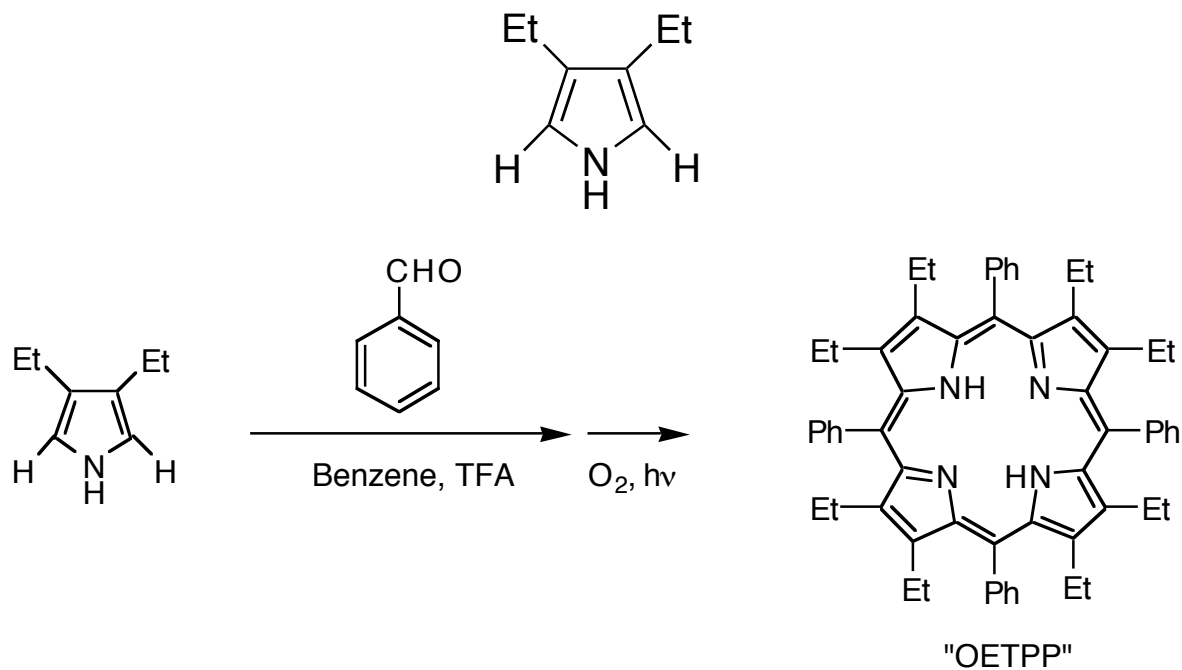


**Figure 8.** Proton NMR traces of deuteroporpyrin-reconstituted sperm whale metMbCN (deutero-metMbCN), at pH 8.5, 38 °C, in 0.2 M NaCl/D<sub>2</sub>O. (A) Protein taken to pH 11.1, KCN added, pH reduced to 7, and mixture stored for several hours, and then adjusted to pH 8.5. One component dominates strongly, although minor peaks, labeled Y, are detectable. (B) Protein taken to pH 11.1, KCN added, and pH readjusted to 8.5; the minor component has increased in intensity and a third peak is evident. (C) *i*,3-Deuterated deutero-metMbCN treated as in (B). (D) *1,5*-Deuterated deutero-metMbCN treated as in (B). Peaks in (C) and (D) with reduced intensity due to deuterium labeling are indicated with arrows.

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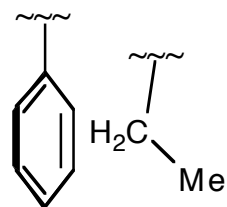
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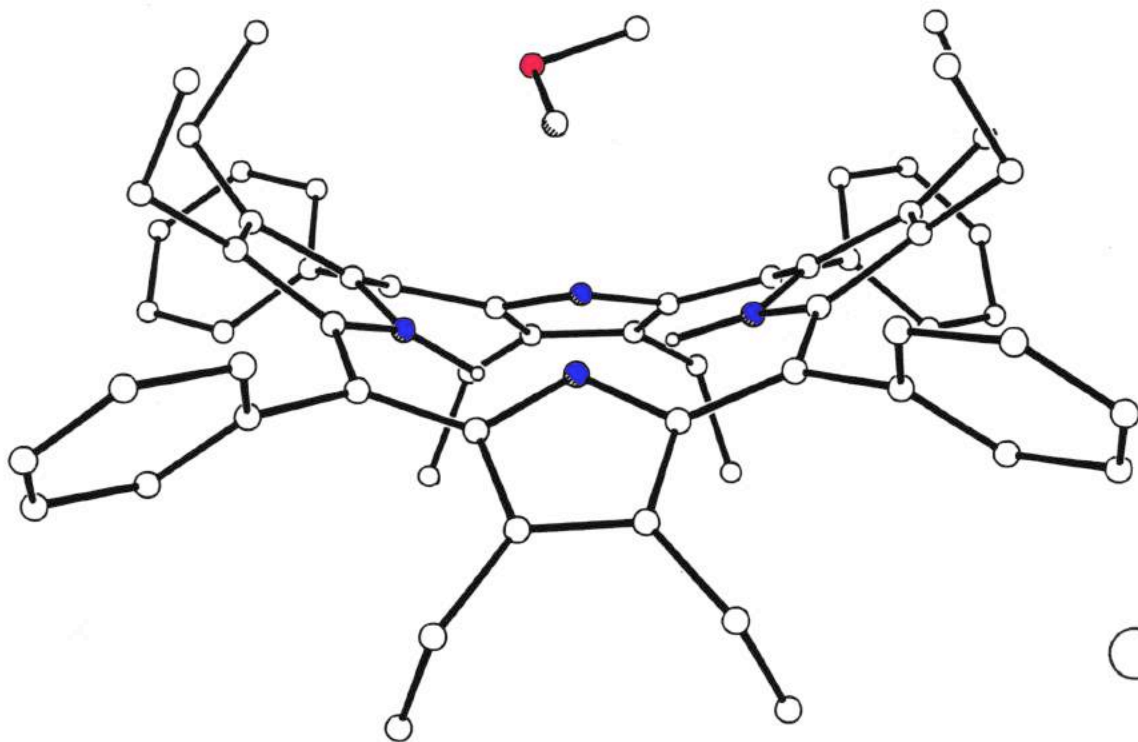
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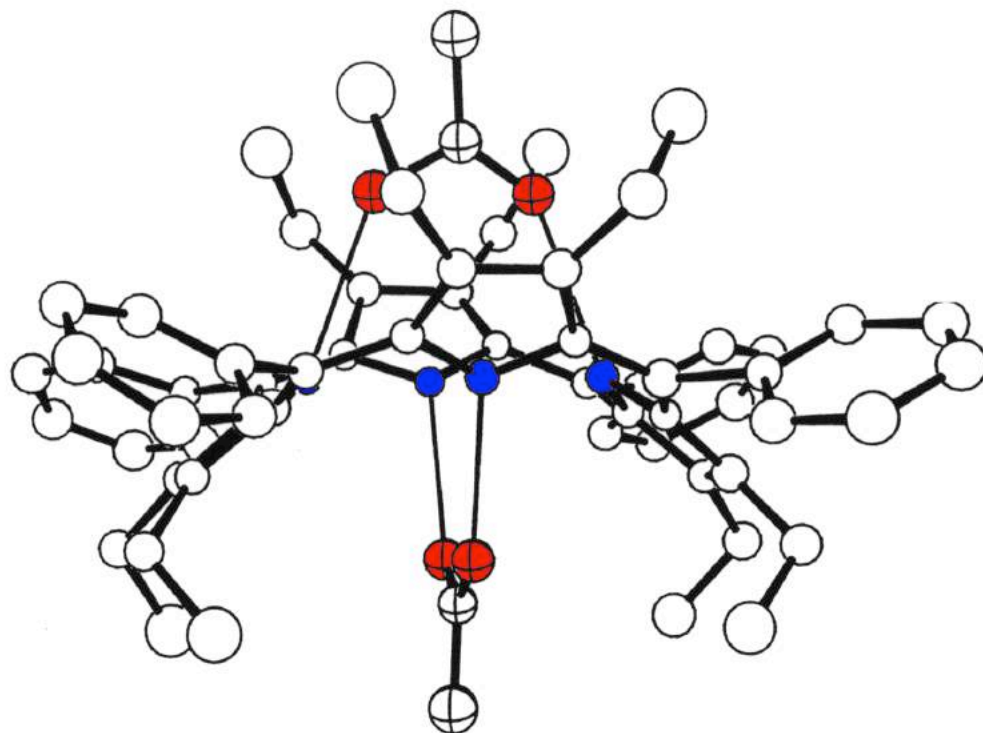
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- Very strong base (needs NaOH wash to obtain free base)
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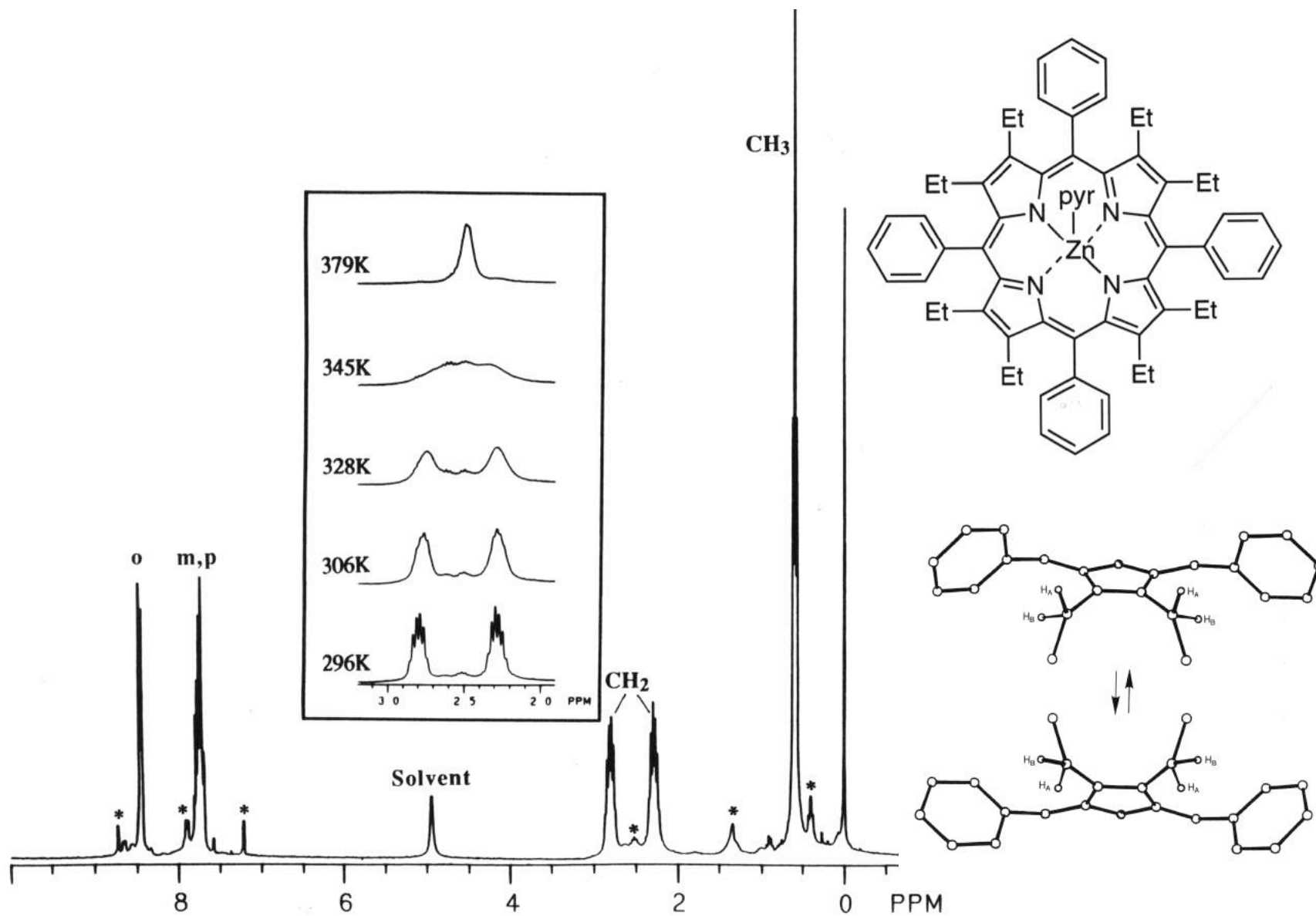
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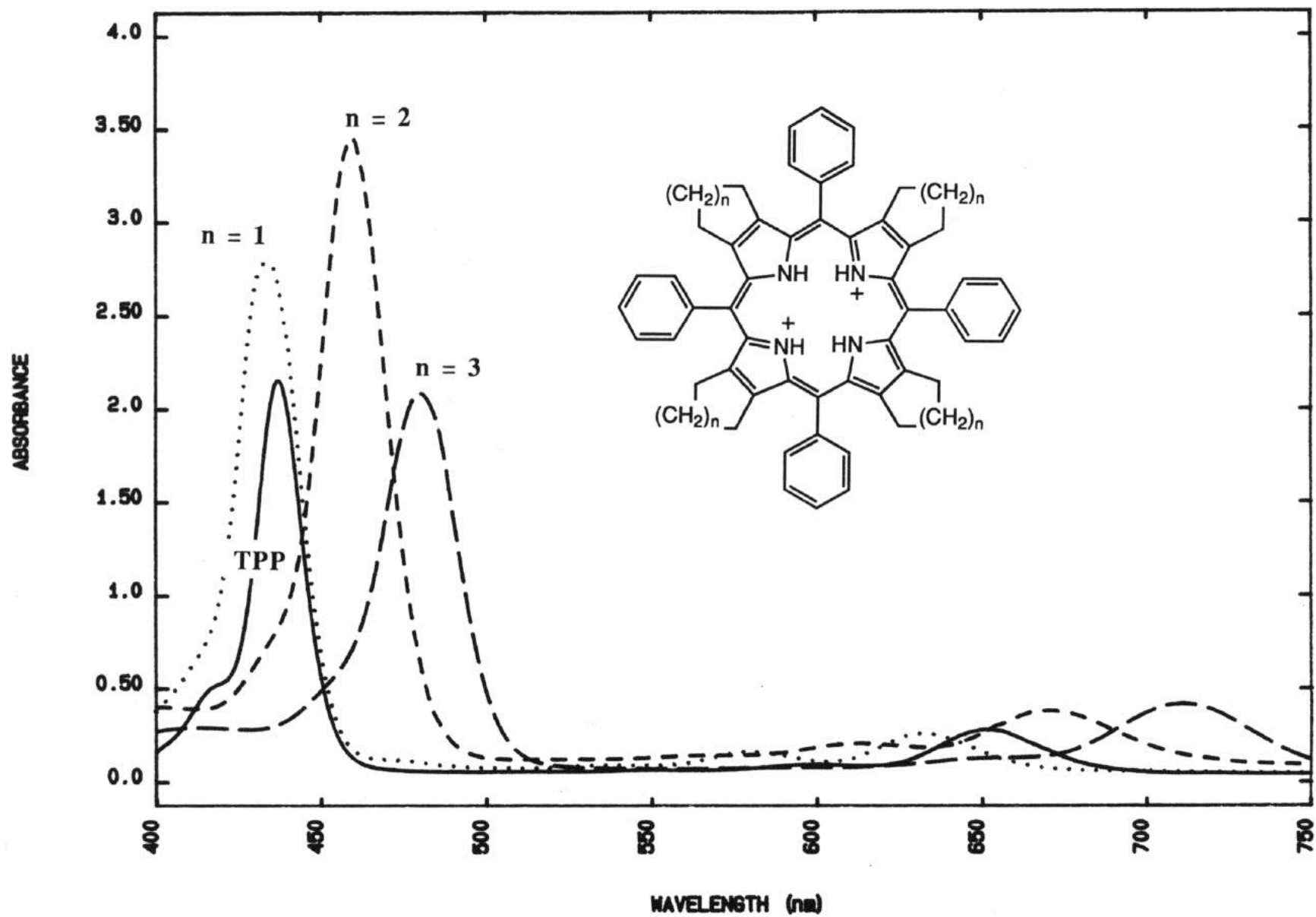


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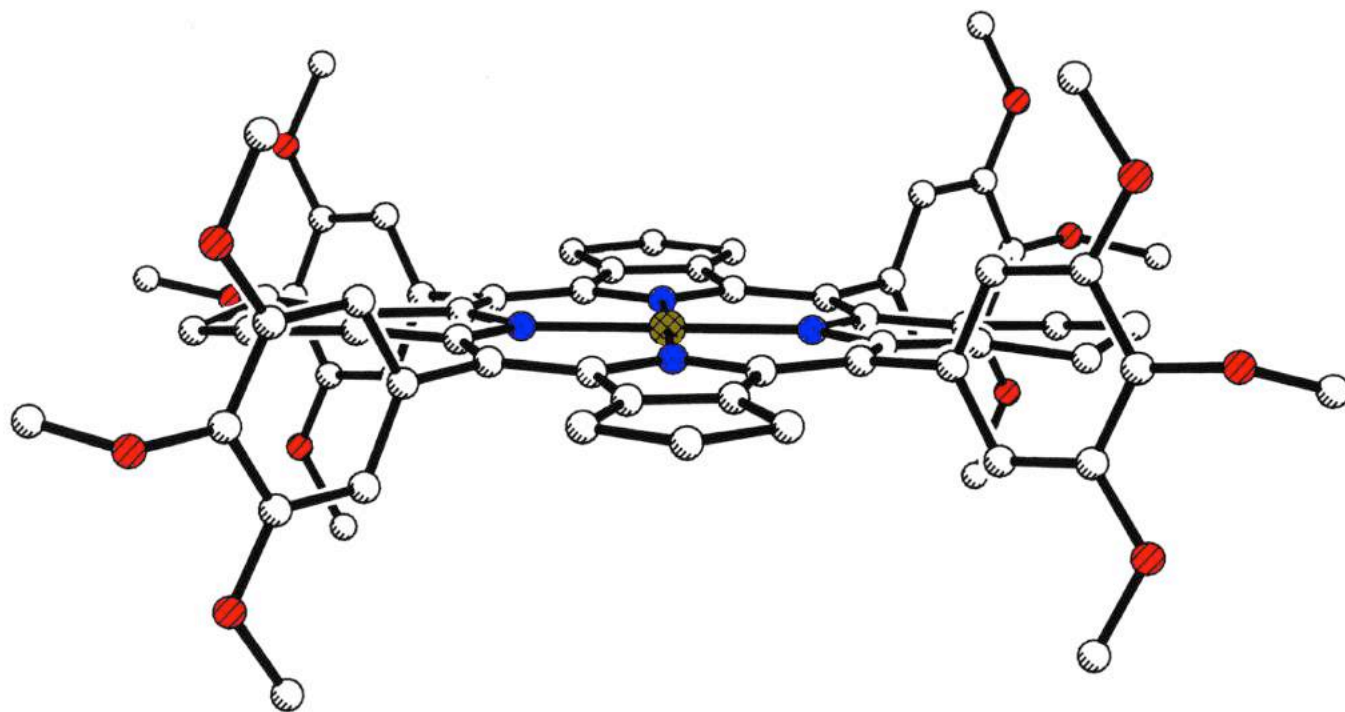
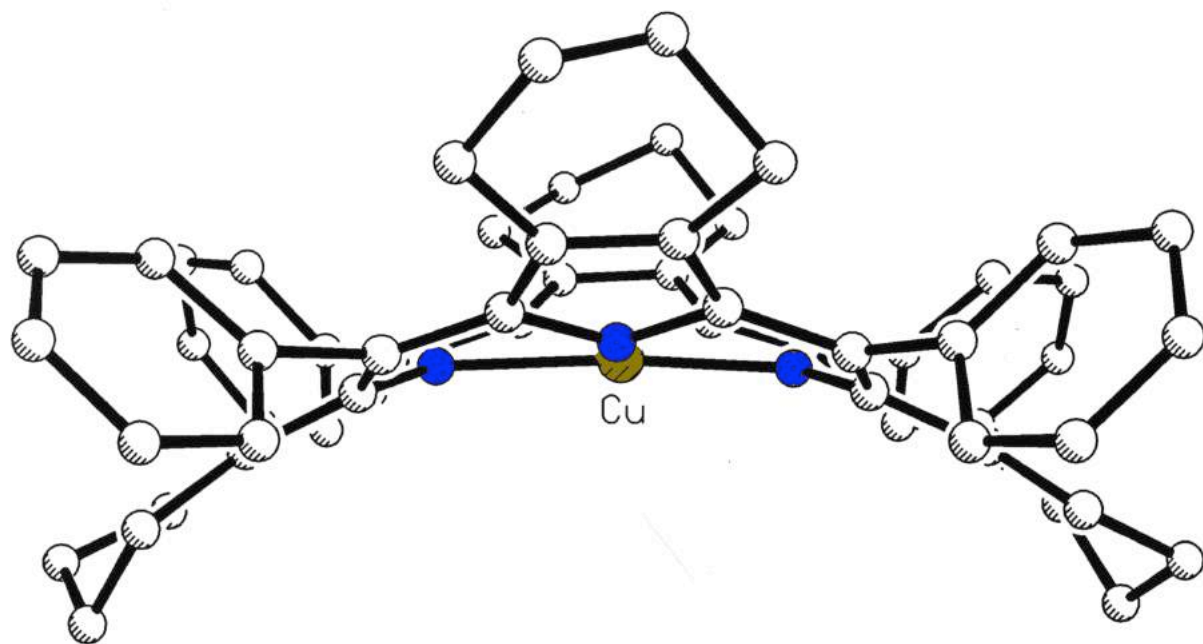
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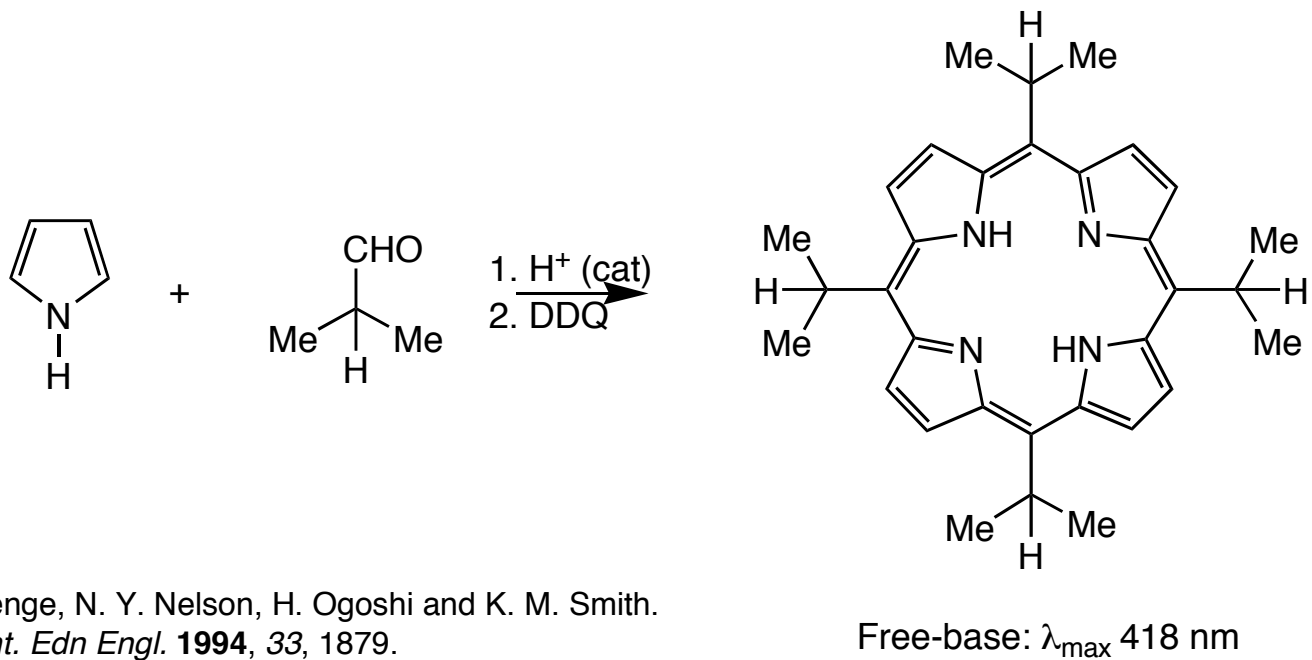
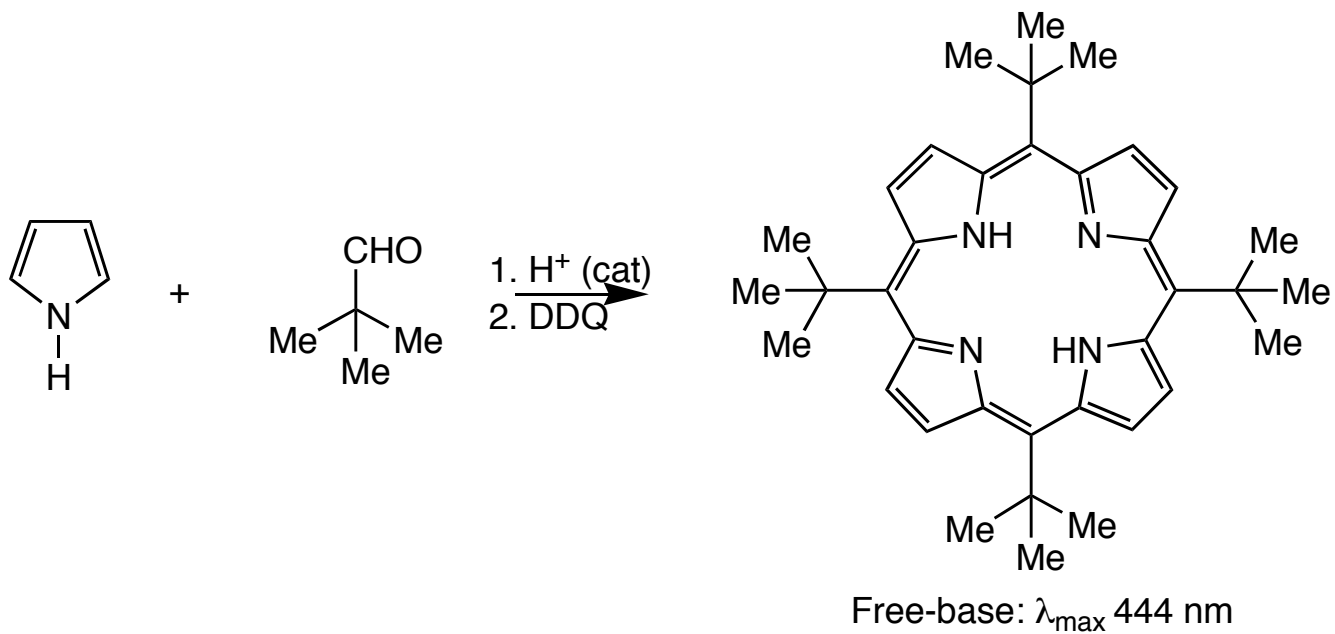


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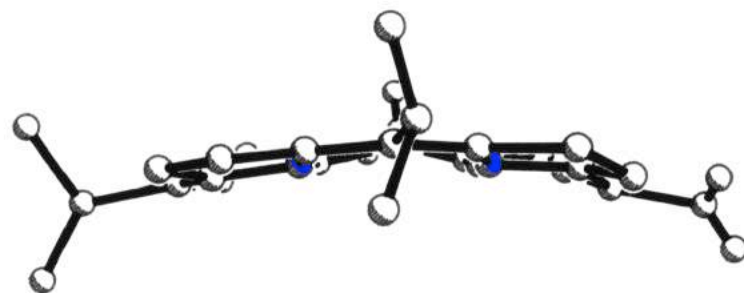
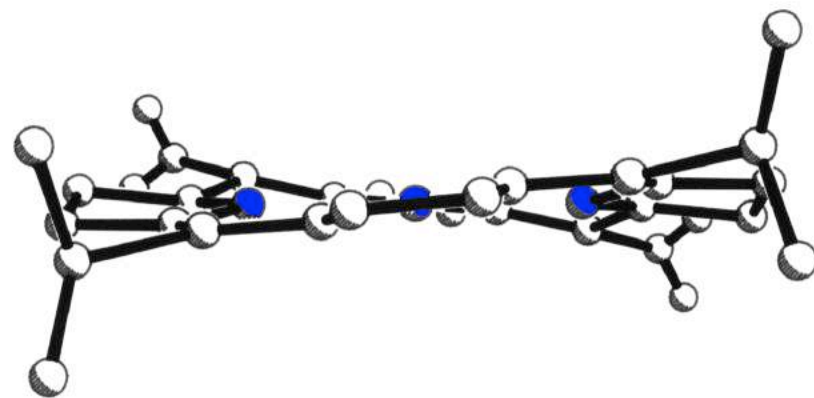
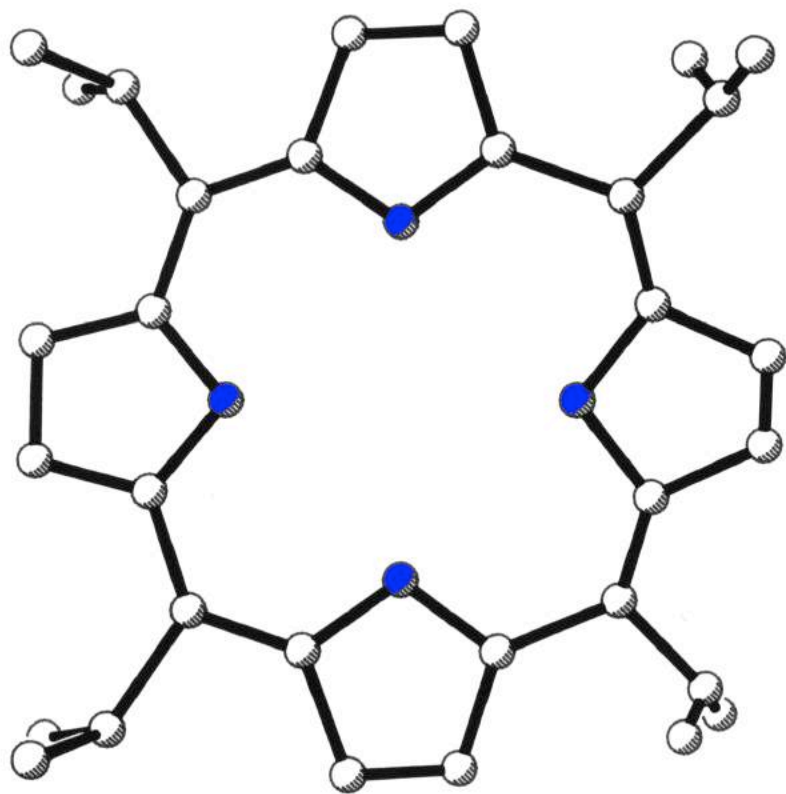


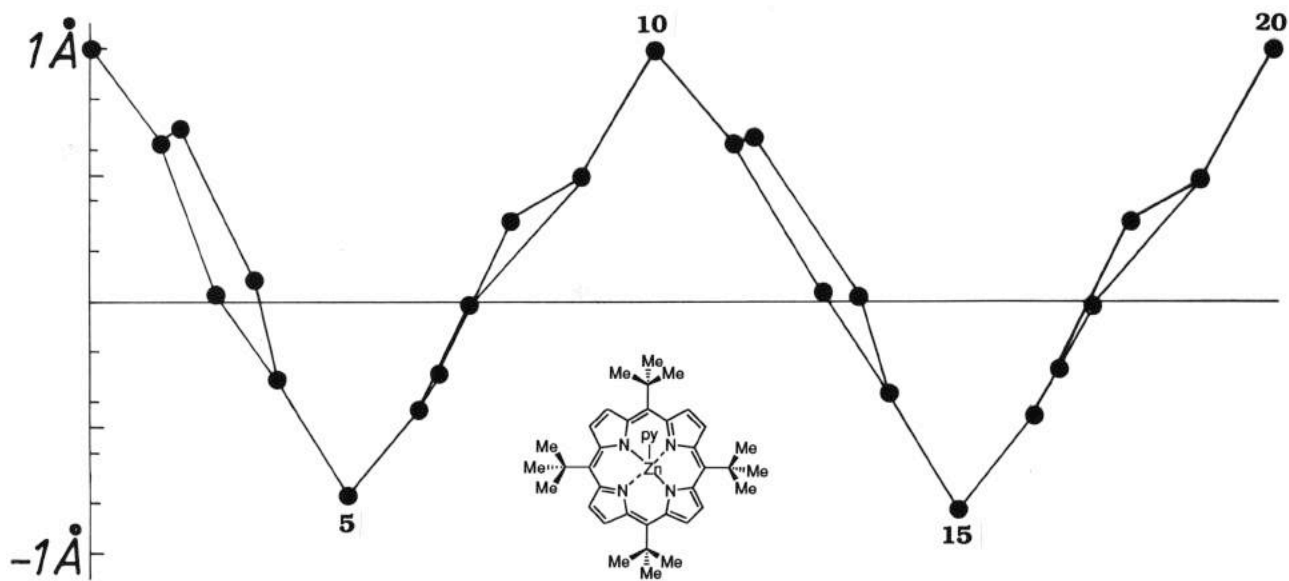
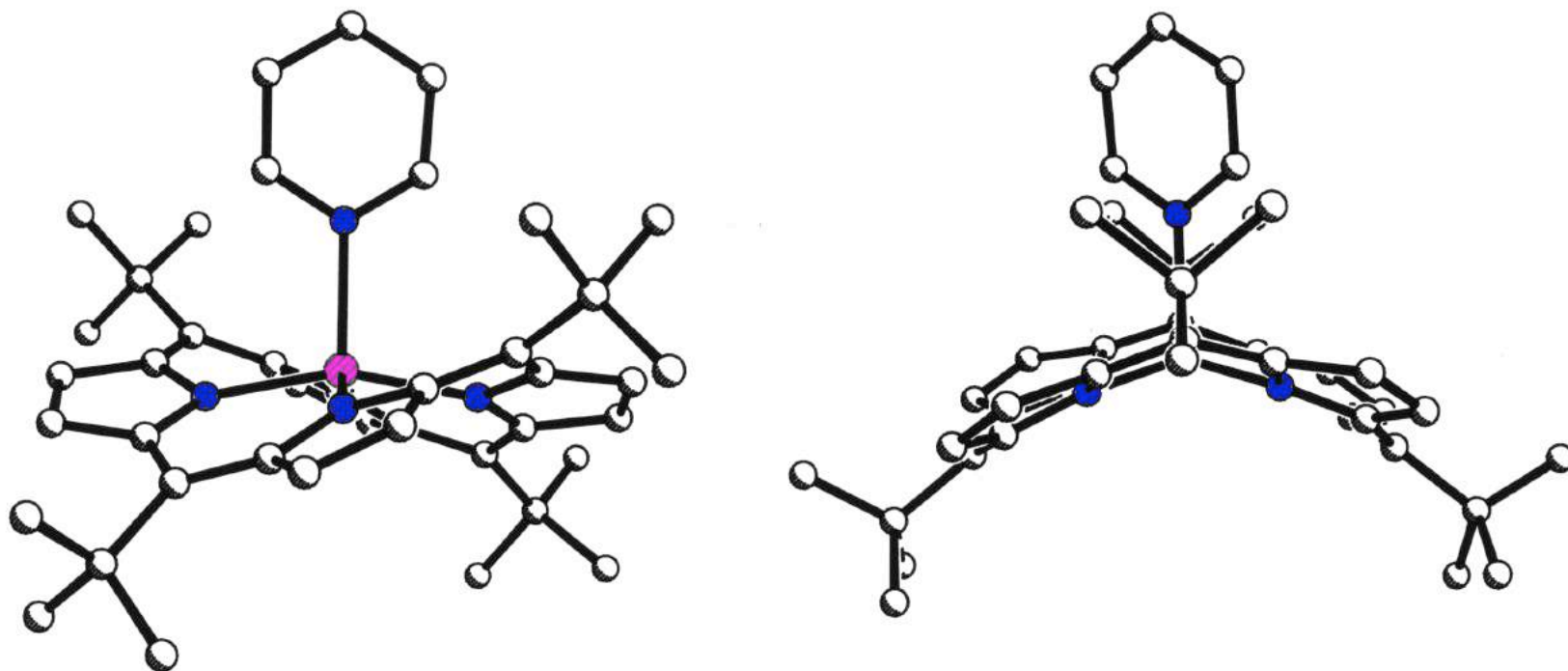
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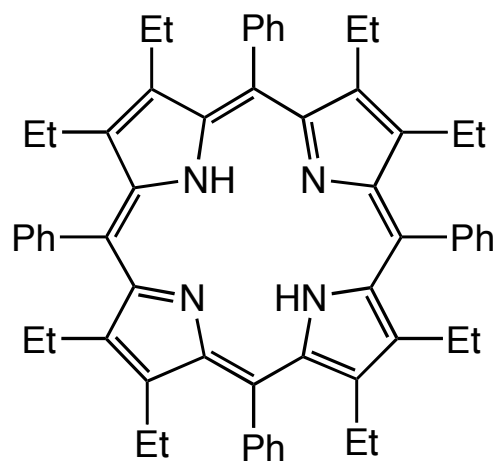


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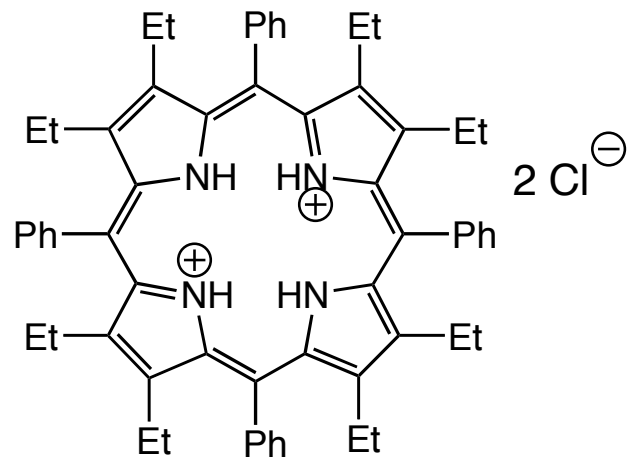
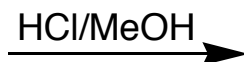




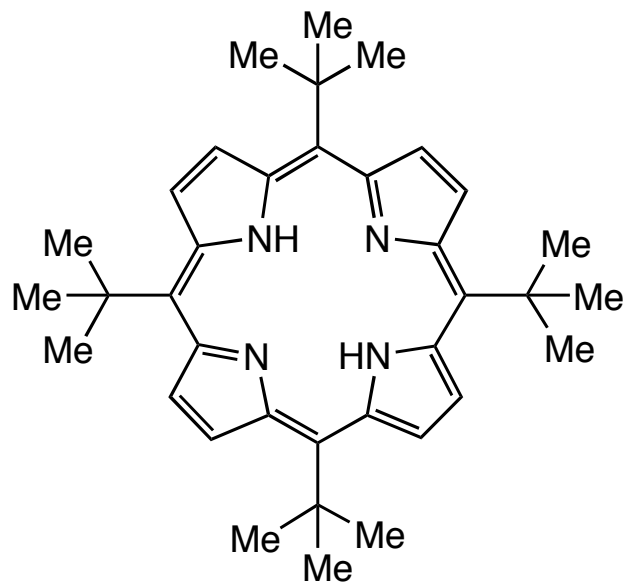
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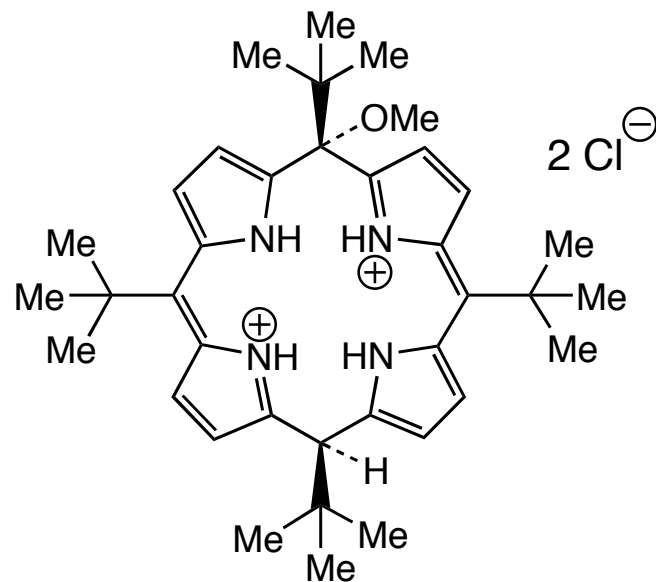
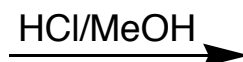
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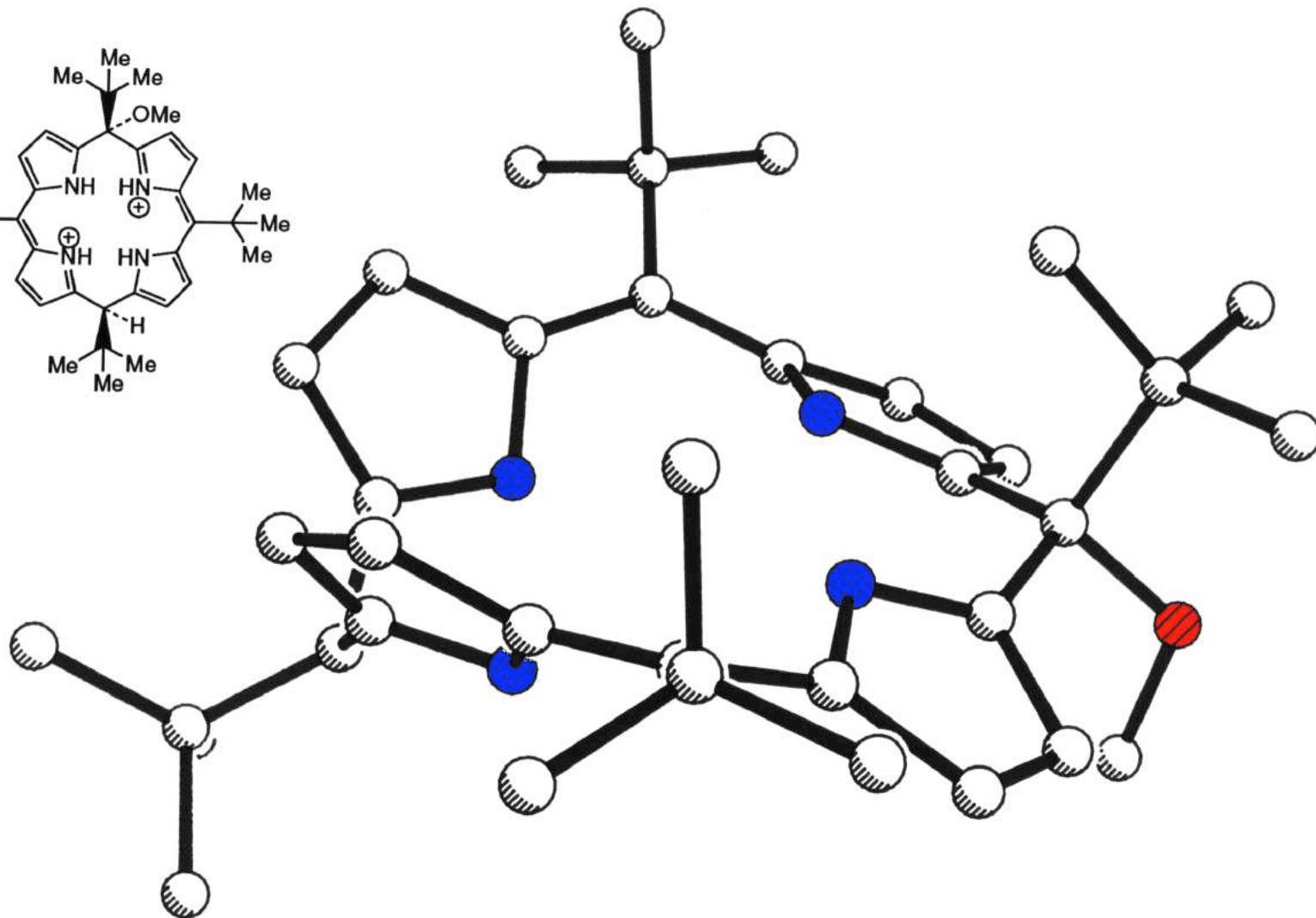
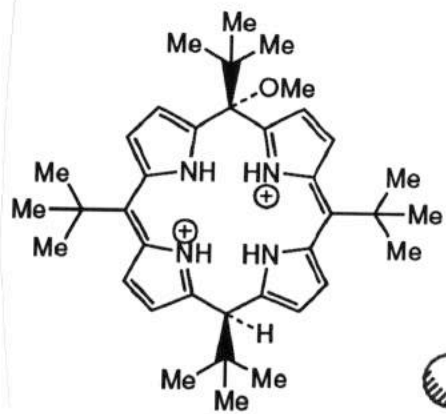


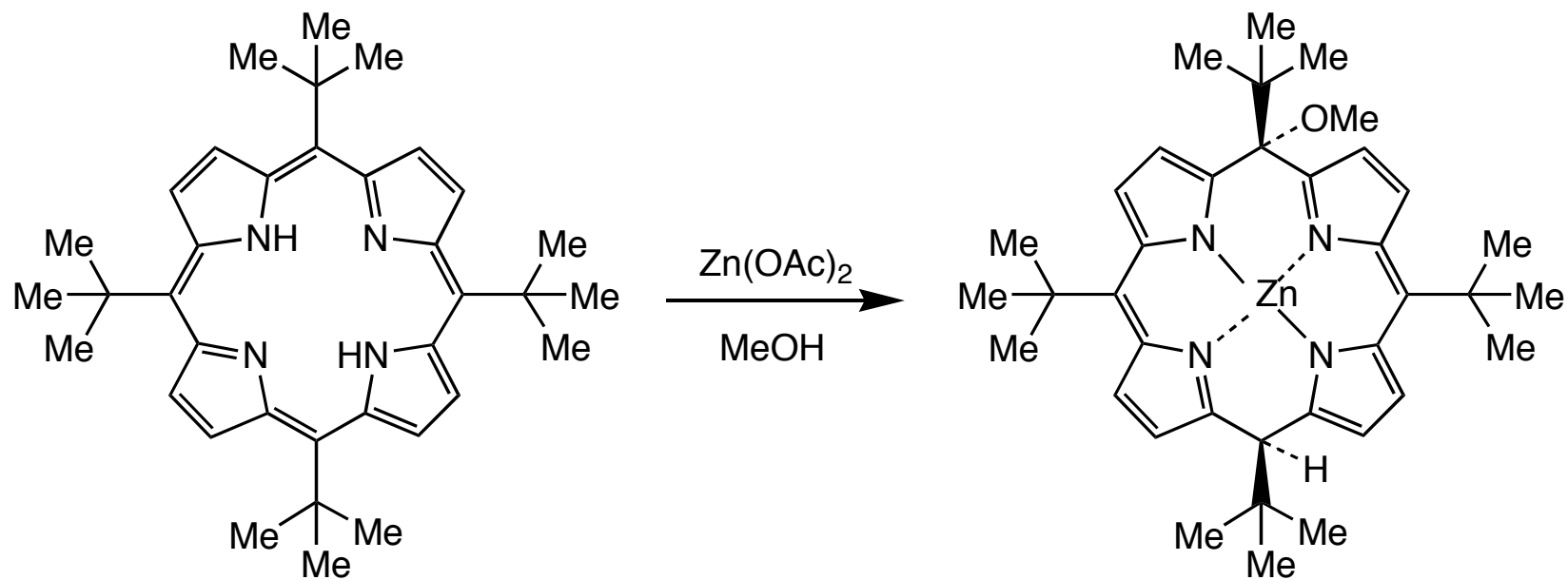
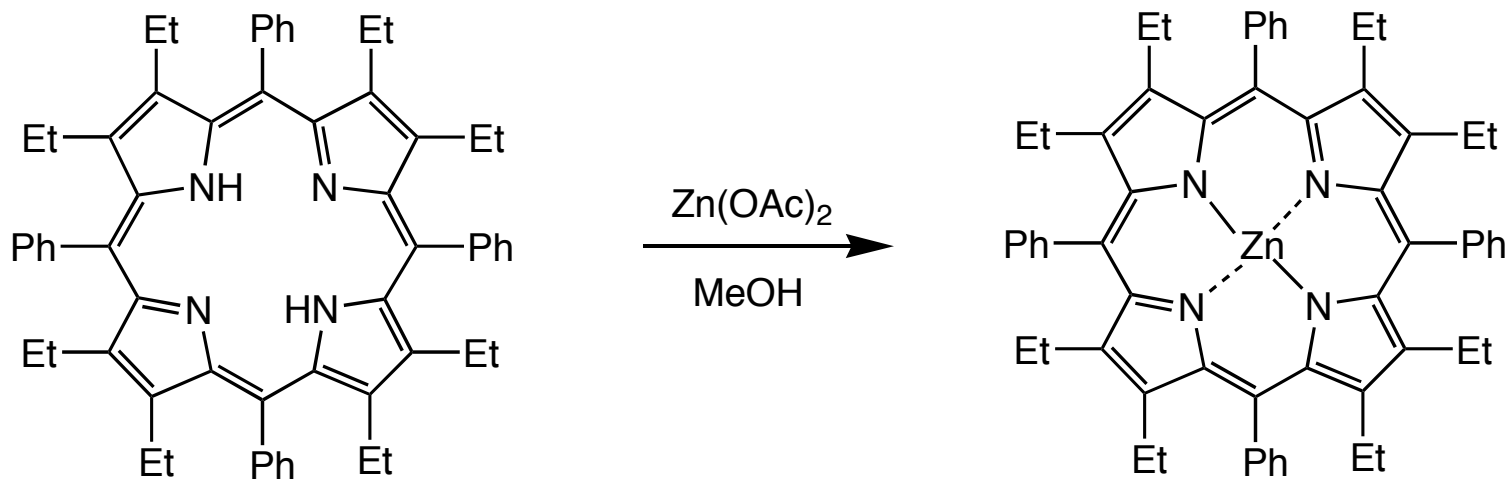
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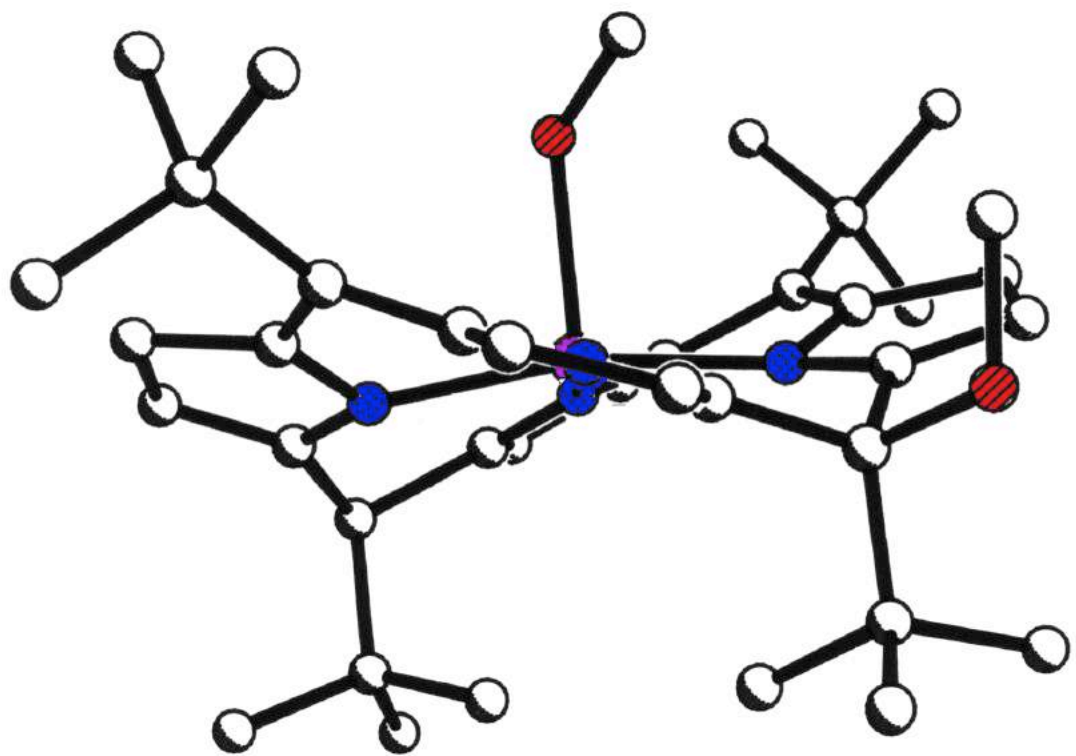
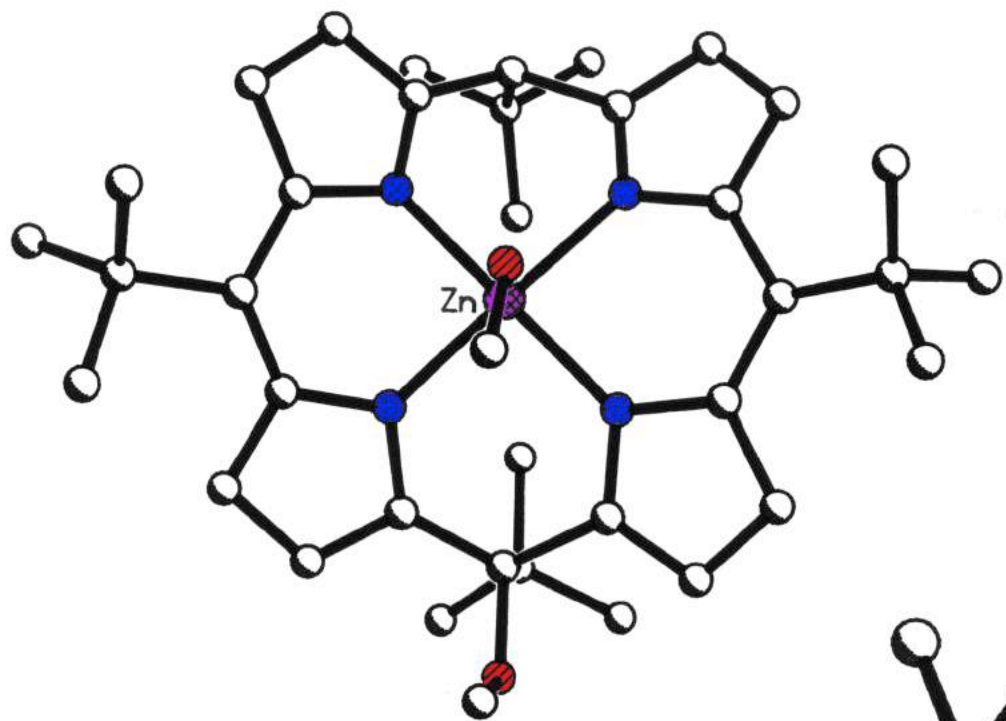
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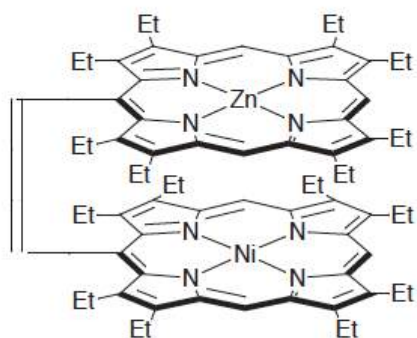


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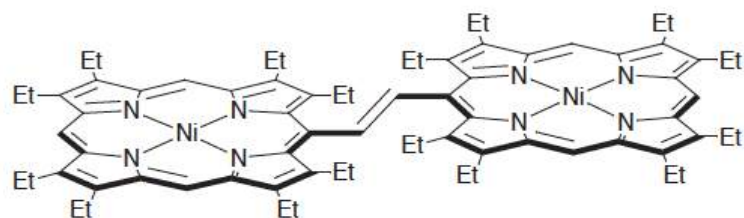


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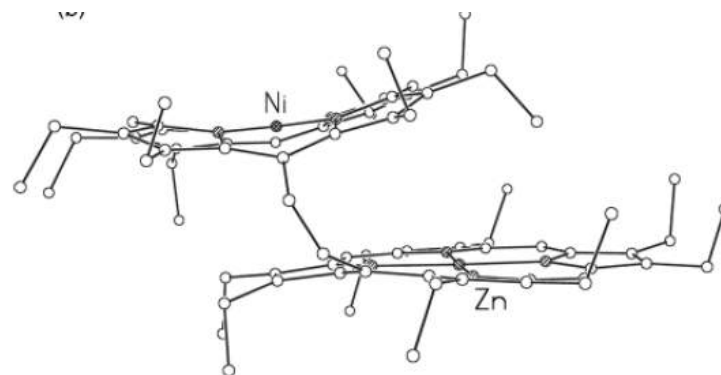




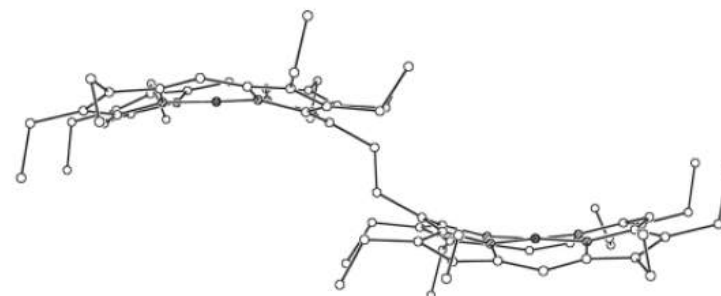
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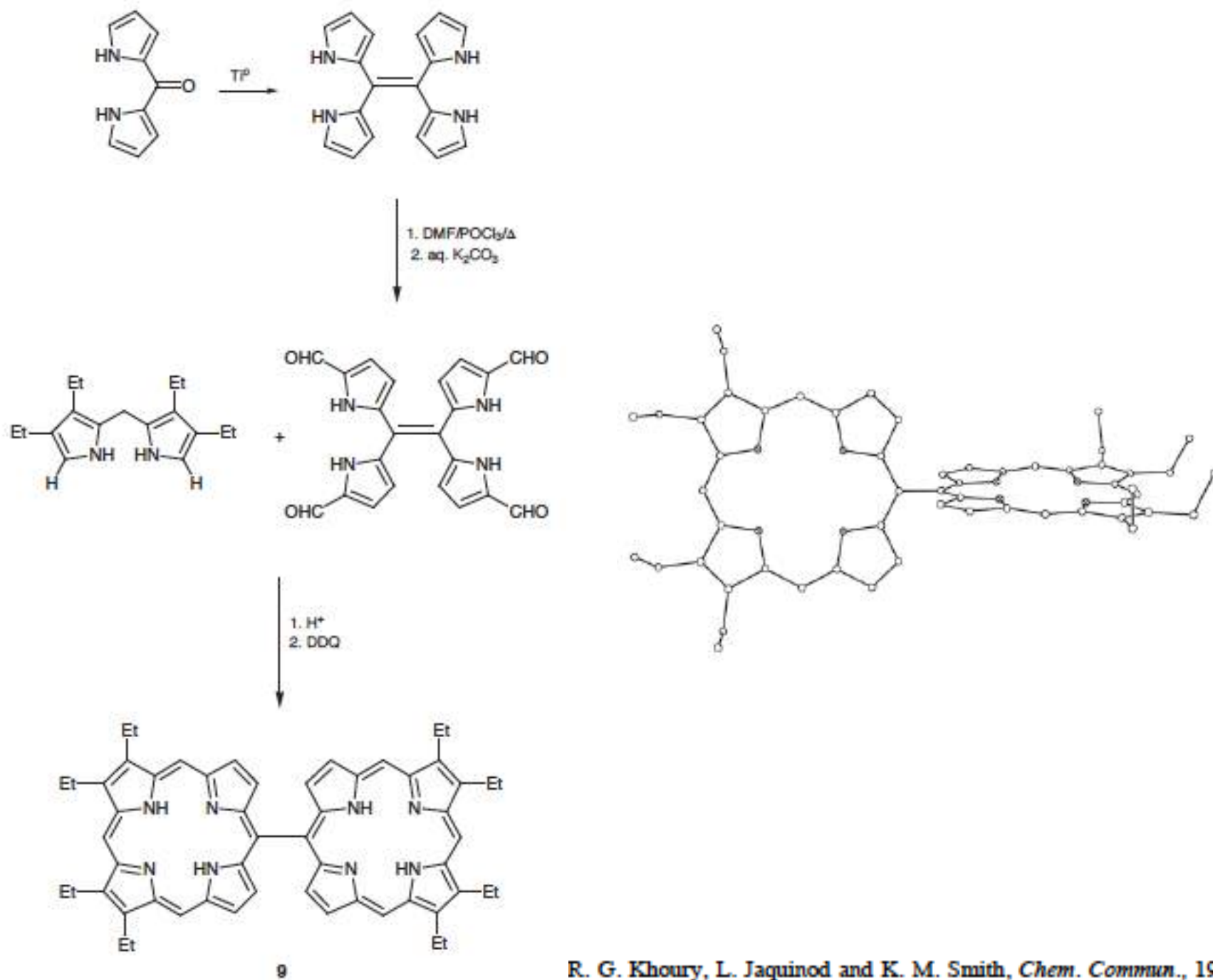
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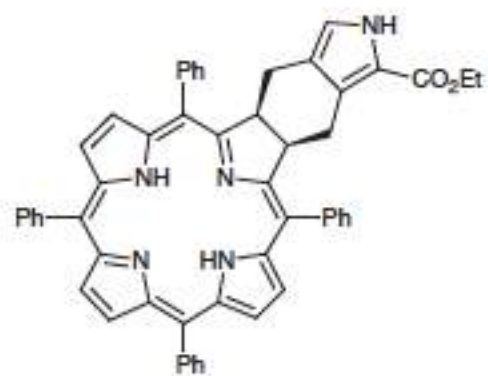
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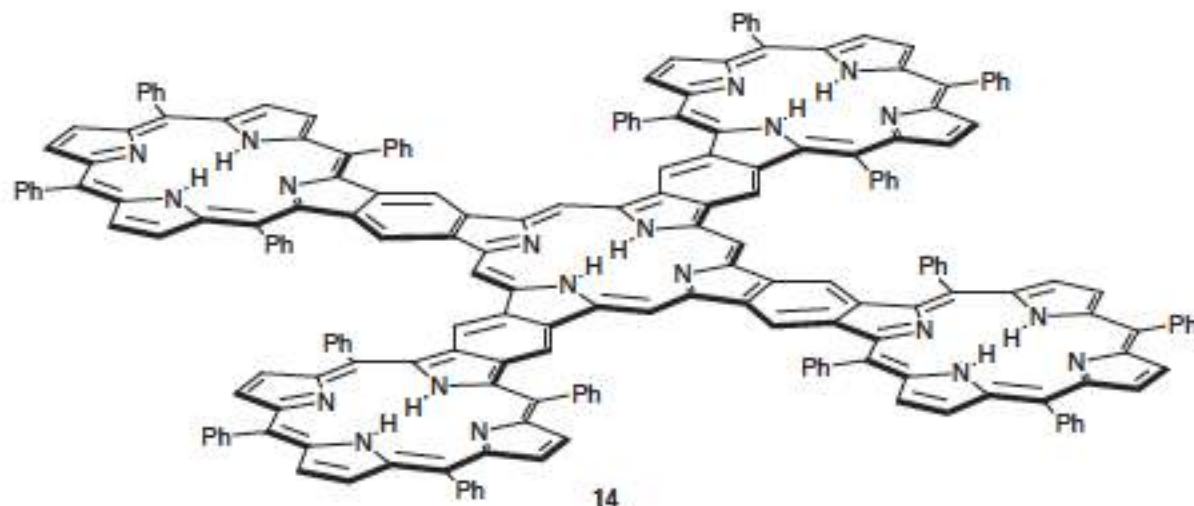
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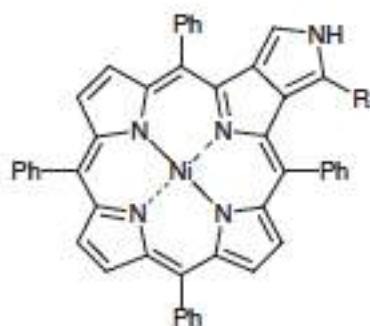


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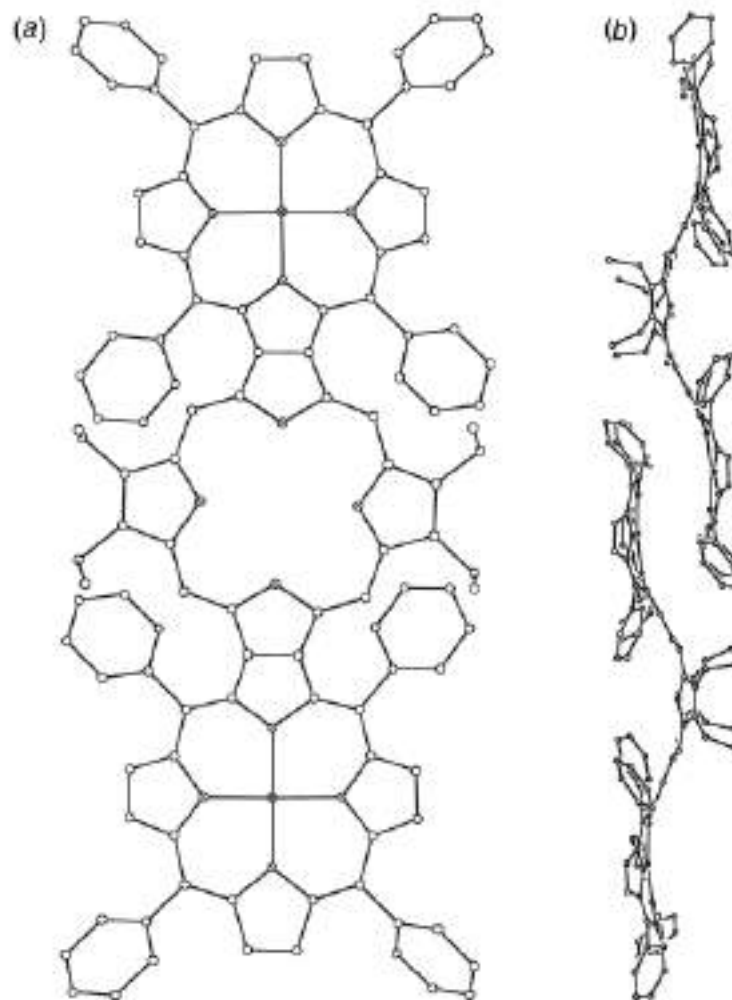


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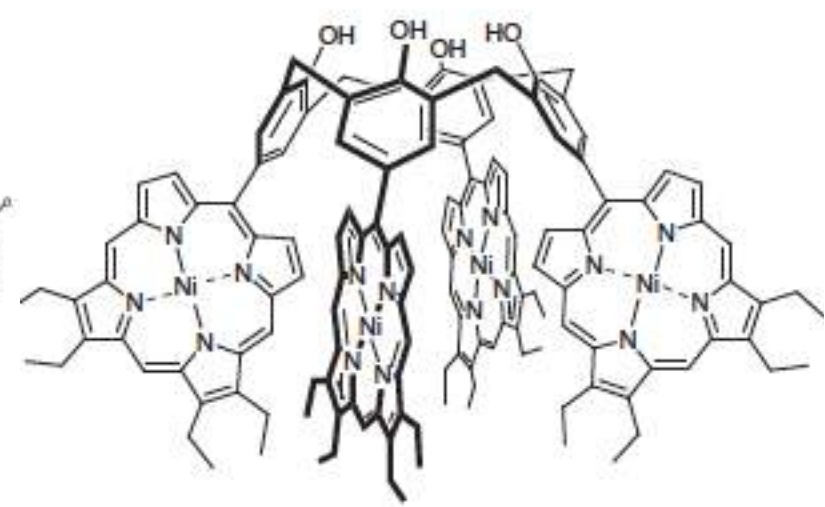
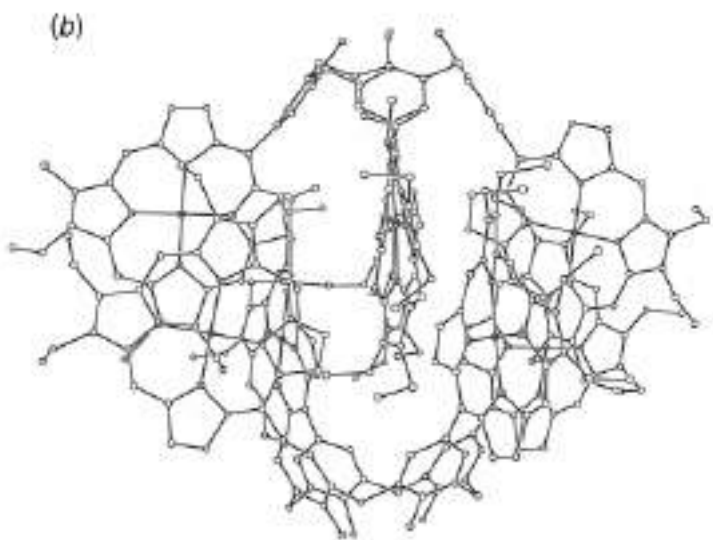
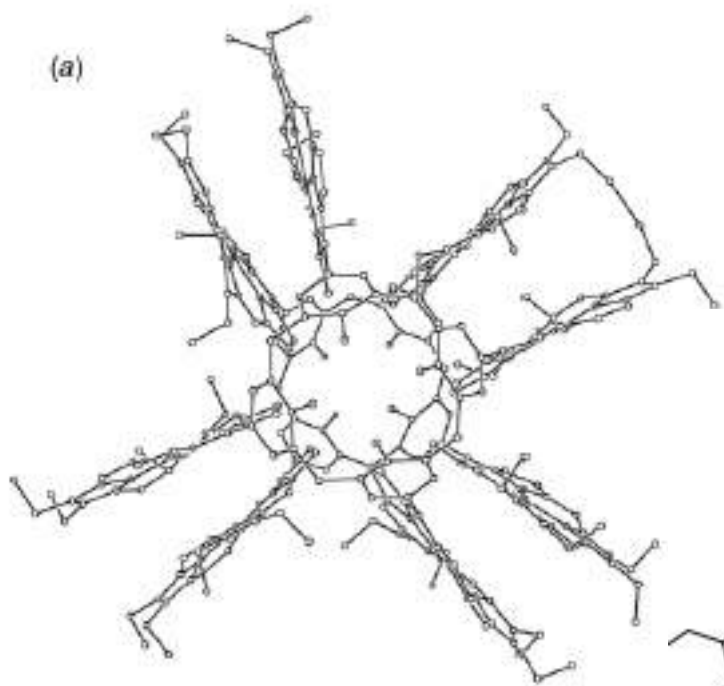
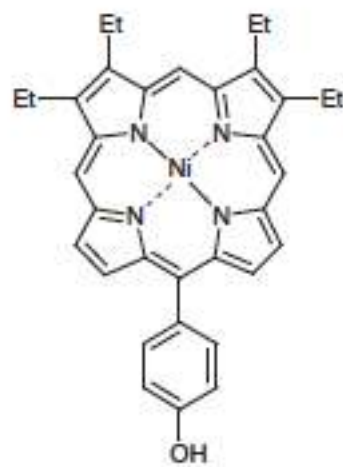
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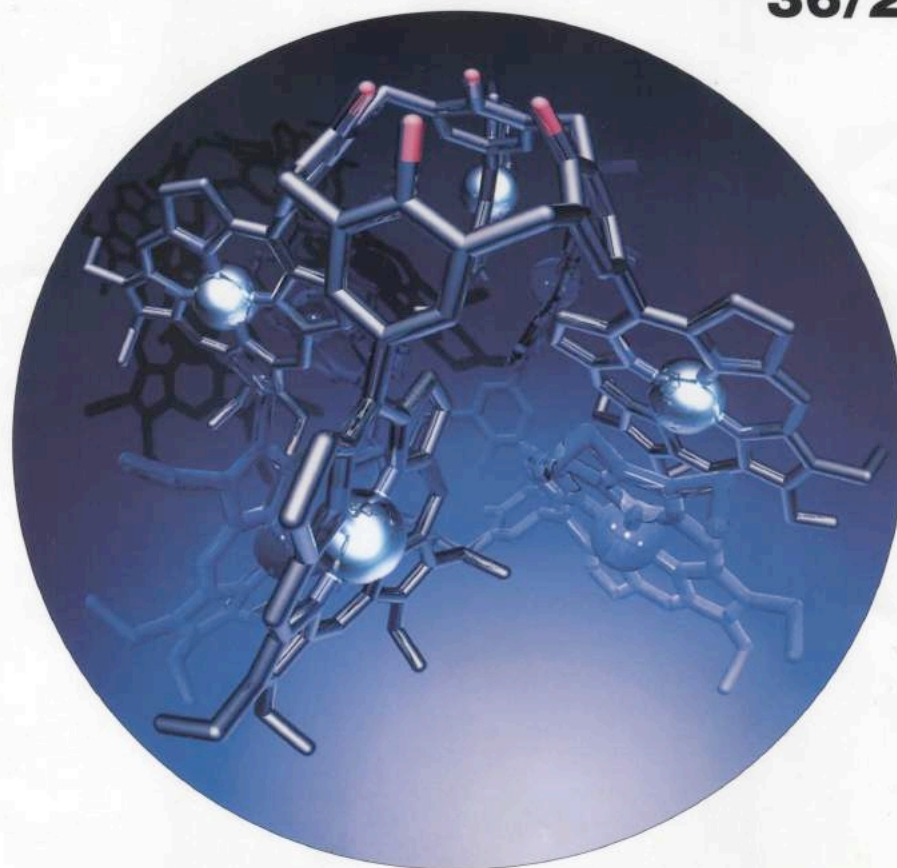
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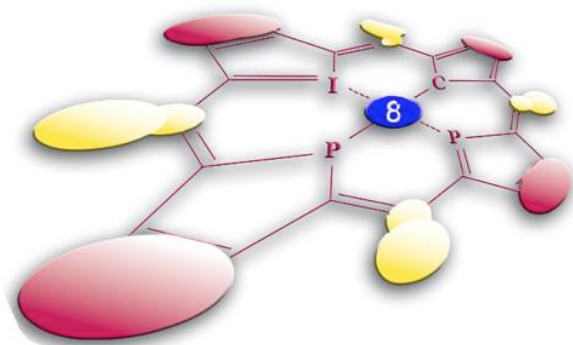
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