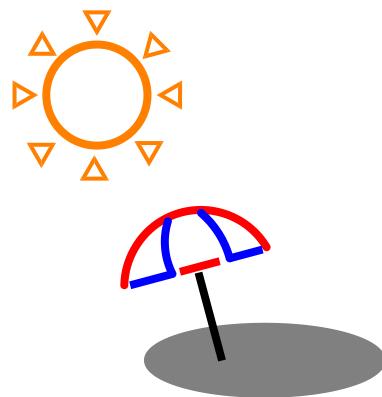
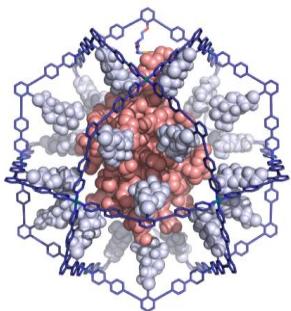


# *Molecular Capsule*



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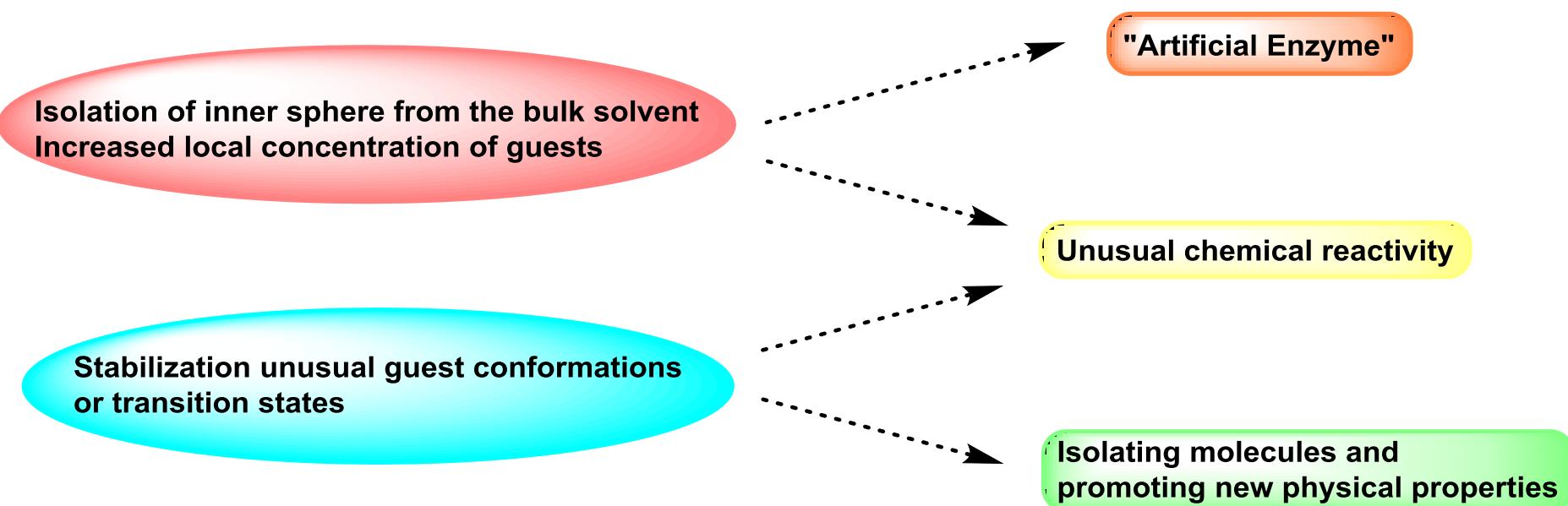
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# About Molecular Capsule

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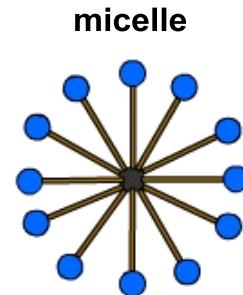
### Molecular capsule

Artificial hosts controlling space to include guests.

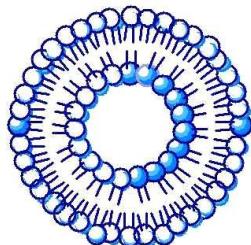


# Categories of Molecular Capsule

**Self assembled system**  
 (relatively simple building blocks )  
 <with Hydrophobic Interaction>

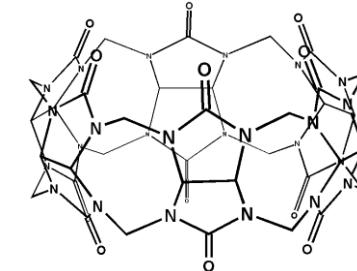
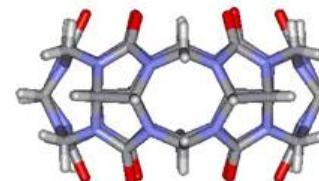


vesicle



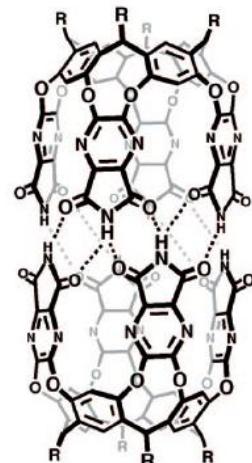
**Non-self assembled system**

cucurbituril



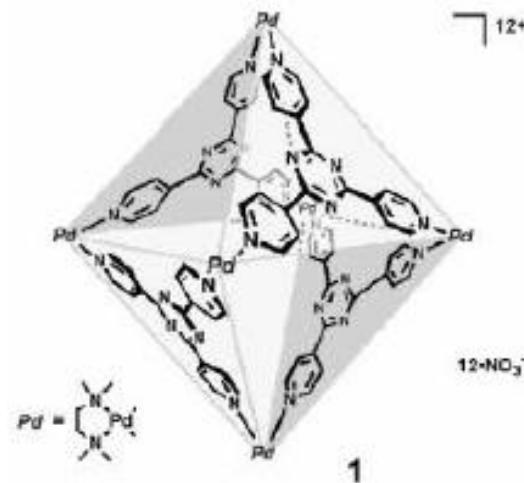
**Self assembled system**

<with Hydrogen Bond>

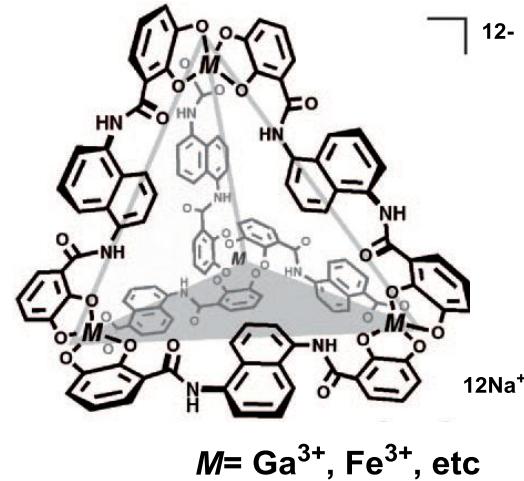


Cylindrical capsule

<with Coordination Bond>



Octahedral coordination cage

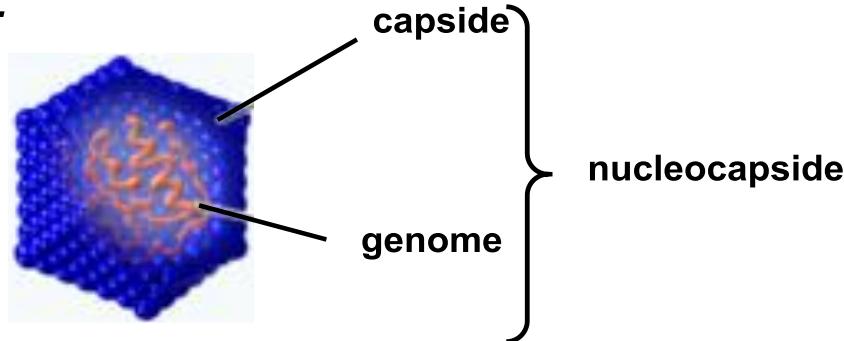


Tetrahedral coordination capsule

# Molecular Capsule in Biosystem

## 1-1. About Molecular Capsule

*Inspired by virus...*



**Capside is the shell protecting and controlling genome.**

Consisting of capsomer that is small protein.

Functionalized interior.

Although seemingly complex,  
the final capsid structures are limited by simple geometric constraints.

# *Researchers of Molecular Capsule*

1-1. About Molecular Capsule

**Prof. Kenneth N. Raymond**

Department of Chemistry  
University of California, Berkley



Supramolecular Coordination Chemistry  
Luminescent Lanthanide Agents  
MRI Contrast Agents

**Prof. Makoto Fujita**

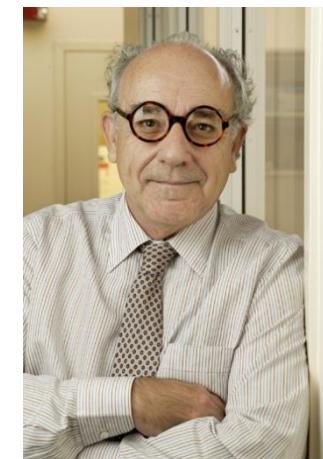
School of Engineering  
The University of Tokyo



Supramolecular  
Coordination Chemistry

**Prof. Julius Rebek , Jr.**

Department of Chemistry  
The Scripps Research Institute



Supramolecular  
H-bonding Chemistry

# Capsule Using Coordination Bond

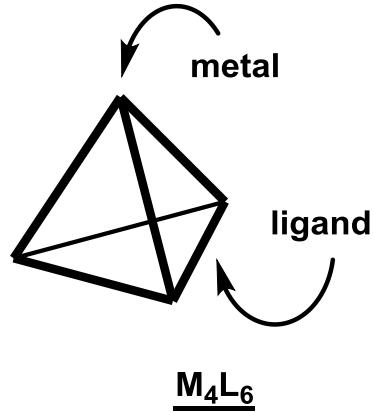
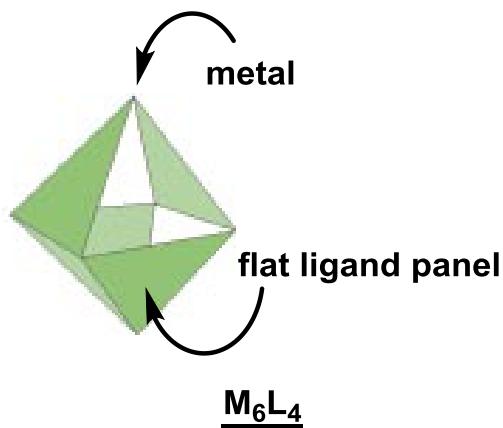
1-2. using Coordination Bond

## Coordination:

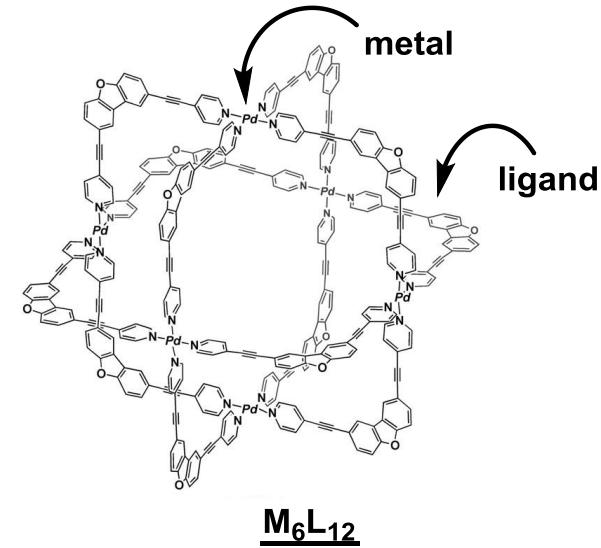
The formation of a covalent bond, the two shared electrons of which have come from only one of the two parts of the molecular entity linked by it.

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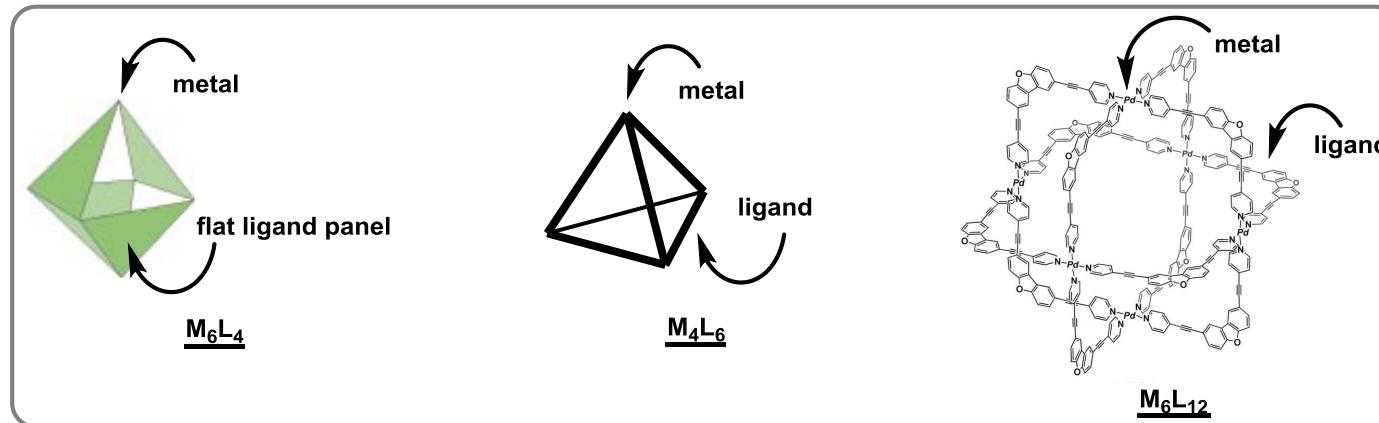
## Molecular capsule using coordination bond



M: metal  
L: ligand



# Components of Molecular capsule



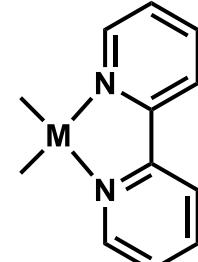
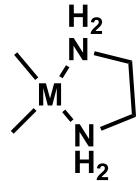
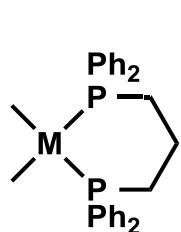
## Metal

Pt(II), Pd(II): square planar metal ion

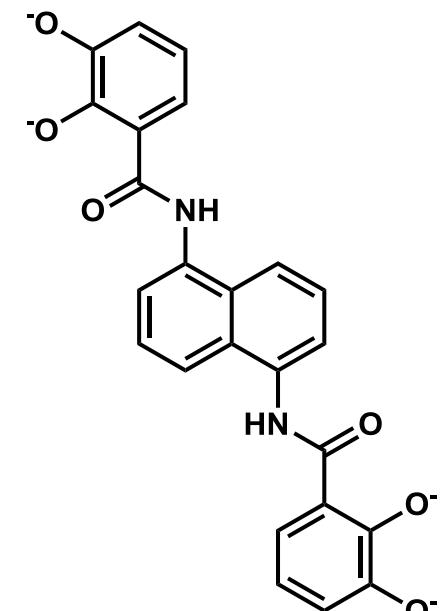
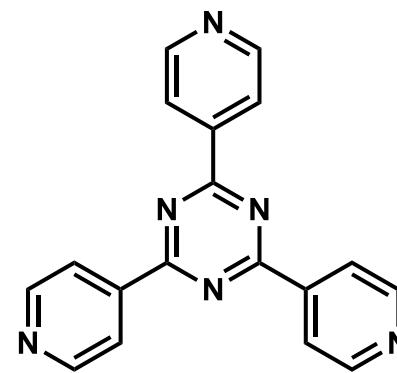
Pb(II), Ga(III), Al(III), Fe(III): octahedral metal ion

If needed...

*cis*-geometry two vacant orbitals on square planar metal ion is prepared by using bidentate ligand.



## Ligand



# Features of Molecular capsule using Coordination Bond

1-2. using Coordination Bond

Water-soluble  
Lipophilic inner sphere

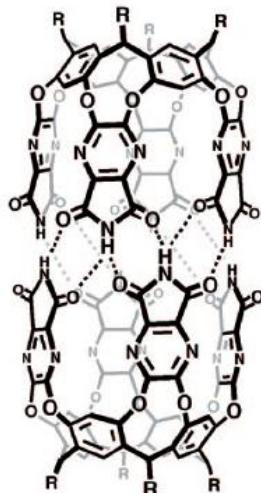
Selective self-assembly

Robust structure compared with hydrogen-bond system  
Stable to ligand-exchange

Modification of the structure is easier than micelle, vesicle and hydrogen-bond system.

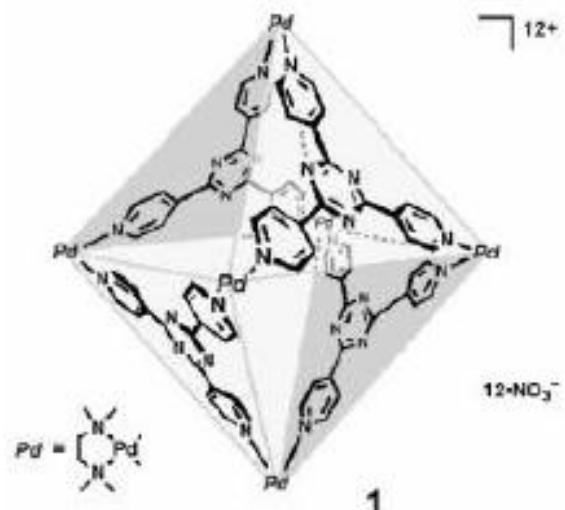
## Self assembled system

<with Hydrogen Bonds>

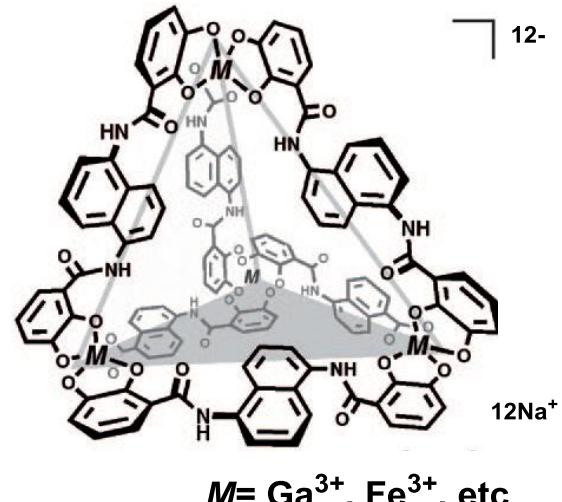


Cylindrical capsule

<with Coordination Bonds>



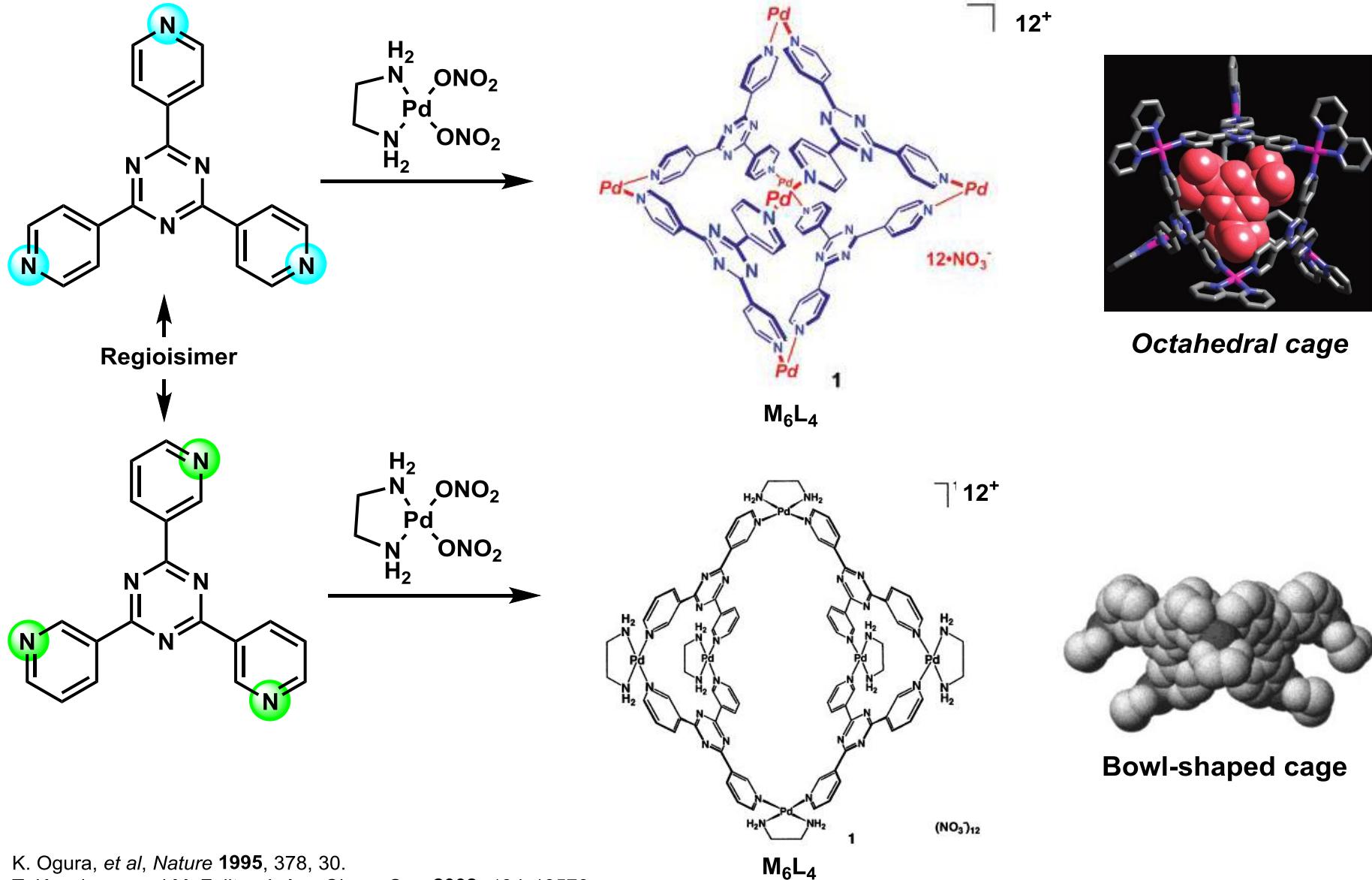
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Tetrahedral coordination capsule

# Ligand Structure - Form of Complex 1

1-2. using Coordination Bond



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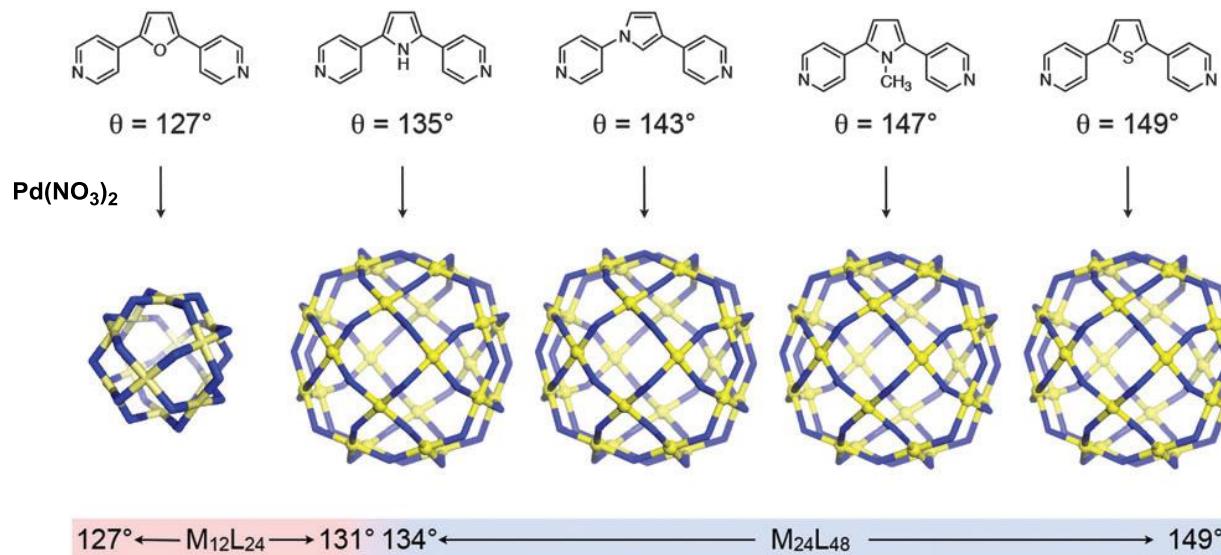
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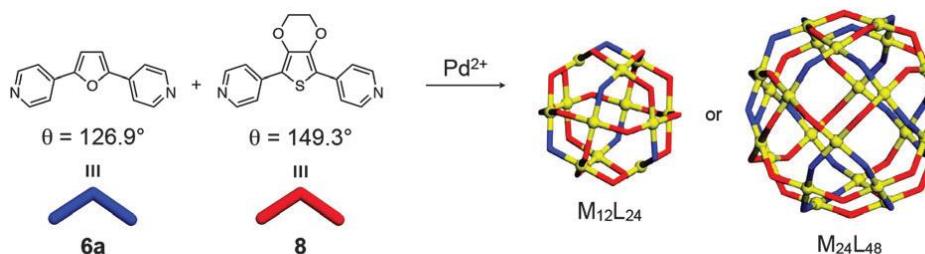
# Ligand Structure - Form of Complex 2

1-2. using Coordination Bond

The ligand bent angle is an important factor to determine the form of complex.  
Even a slight change in the angle critically switches the final structure.



Two kinds of ligand are mixed...



Mixing ratio (6a:8)	$\bar{\theta}$	Product
8 : 2	131.4	$\text{M}_{12}\text{L}_{24}$ only
7 : 3	133.6	$\text{M}_{24}\text{L}_{48}$ only

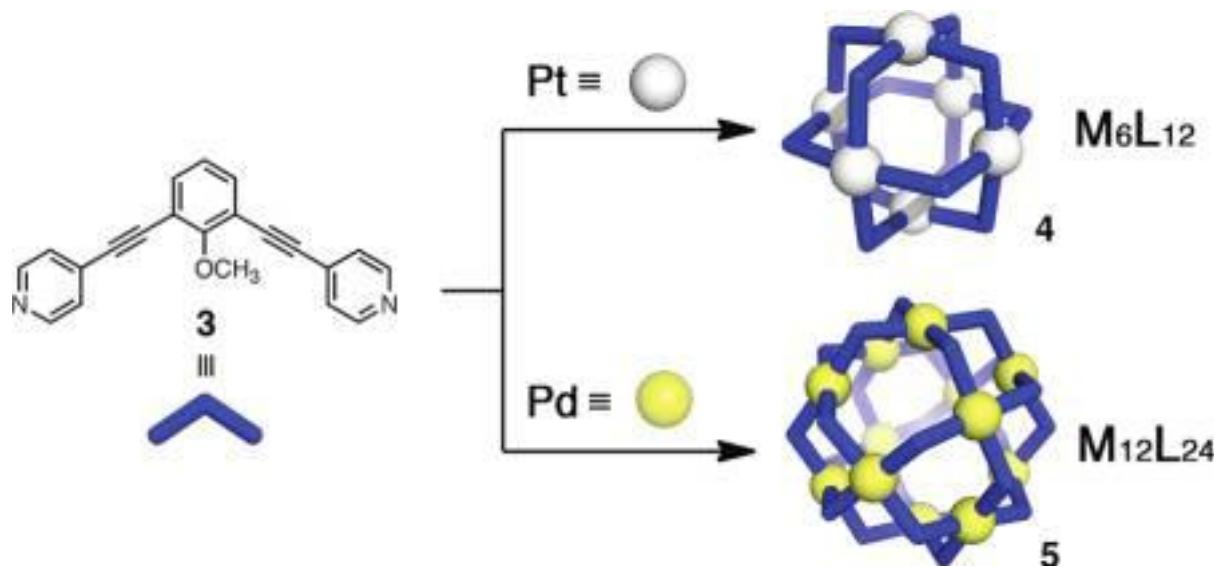
$131^\circ < \text{threshold} < 134^\circ$

Selective formation of the complex are observed.  
The product is not the mixture of  $\text{M}_{12}\text{L}_{24}$  and  $\text{M}_{24}\text{L}_{48}$ .

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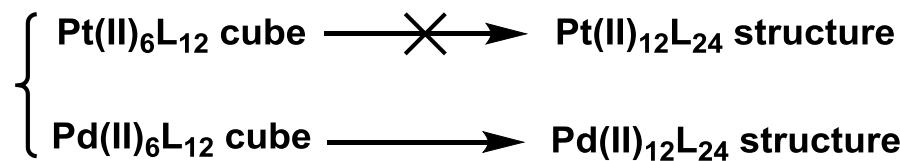
# Metal Effect to Form of Cage

1-2. using Coordination Bond



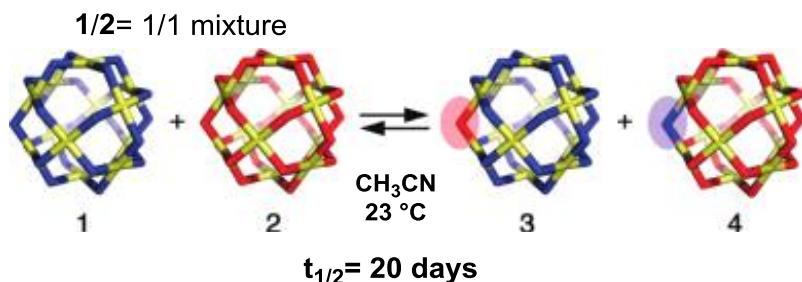
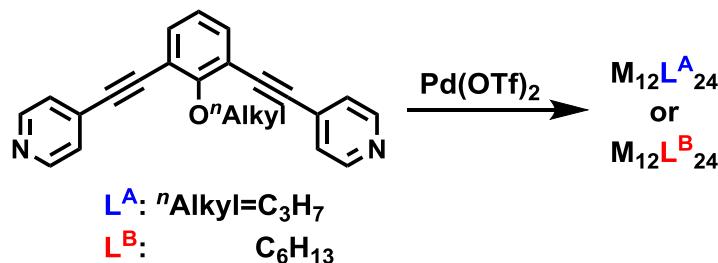
The **M<sub>6</sub>L<sub>12</sub>** cube structure: a metastable local-minimum structure for the self-assembly process.

Pt(II)-pyridine interaction >> Pd(II)-pyridine interaction.

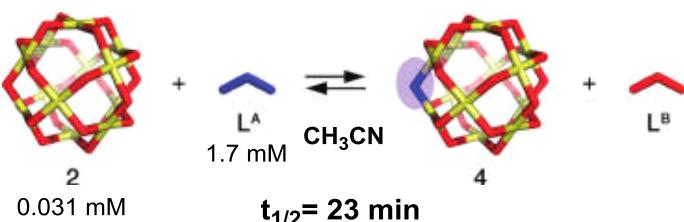


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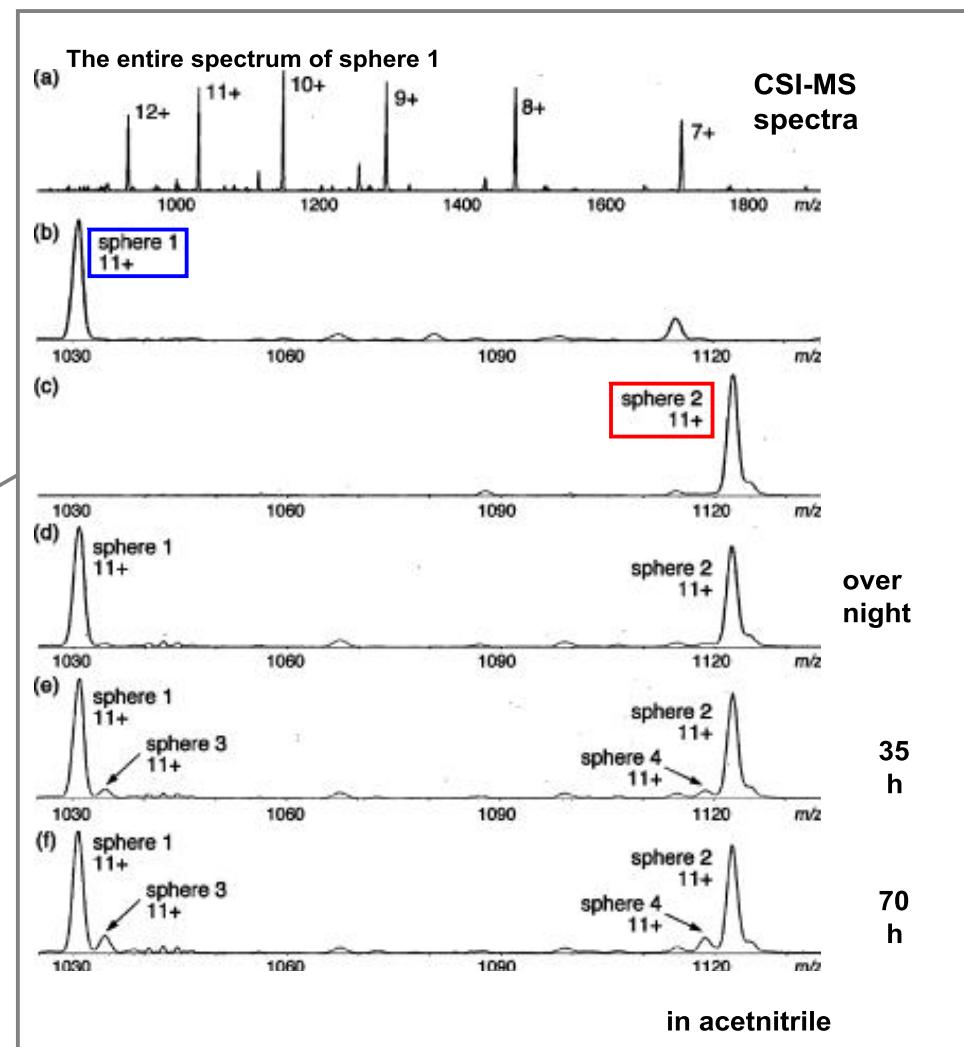
# Stability of Cage



36-component  $M_{12}L_{24}$  self-assembly gains remarkable stability.  
>Supported by cooperation of 48 weak Pd(II)-pyridine interactions.

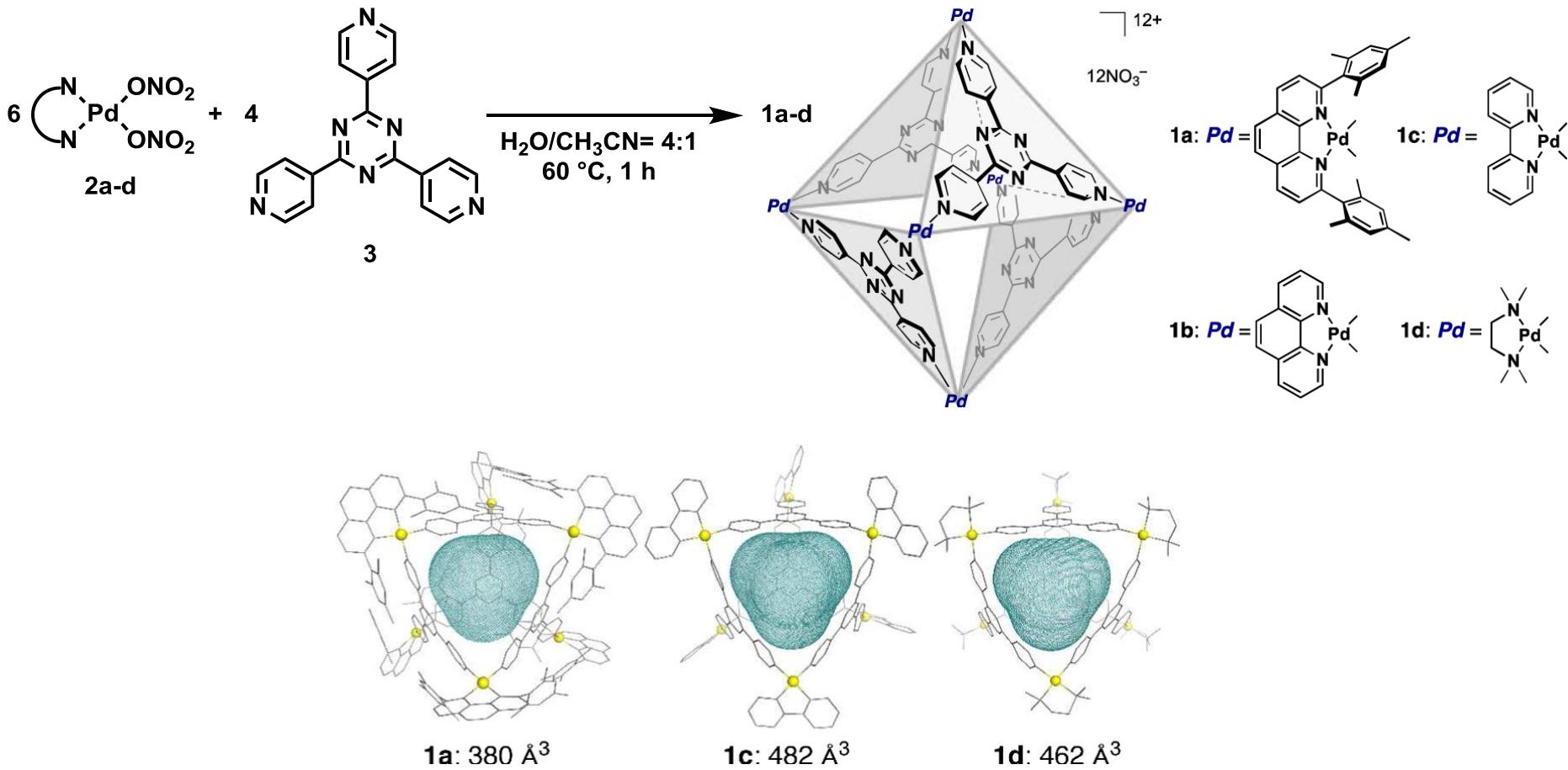


On the way to the completion of complexation (:there are many free ligands), the system equilibrates quickly.



# Effect of the Remote Bulky Ancillary Groups

## Formation of $M_{24}L_{48}$



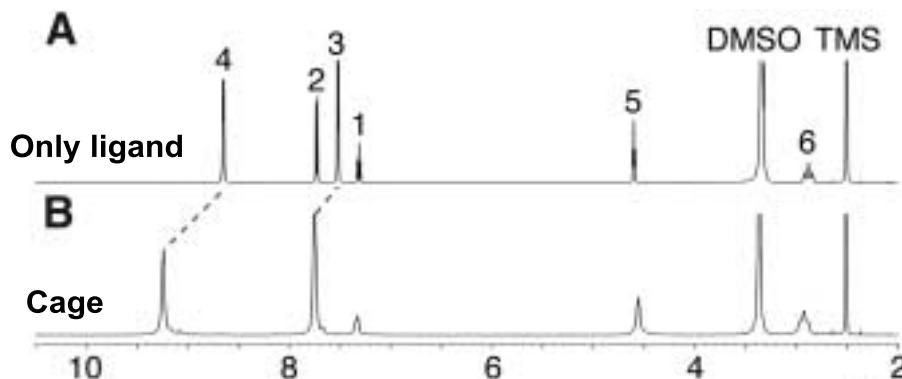
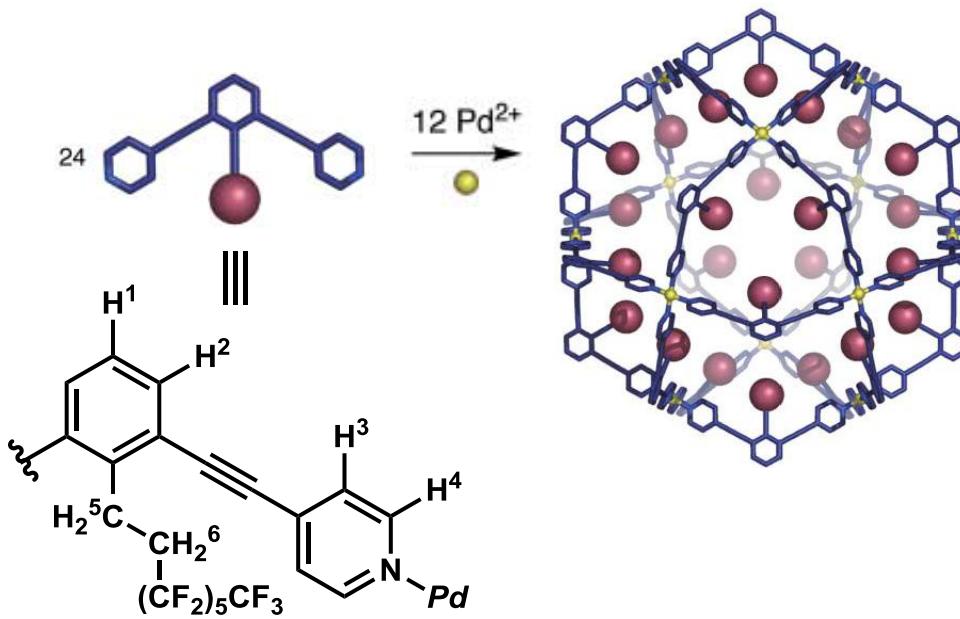
The bulky mesityl groups hang over the cavity, reducing the effective volume.

→ Controlling the guest binding and motion.

# Methods to Check the Structure

## <sup>1</sup>H-NMR

Ligand composing the cage: downfield shift



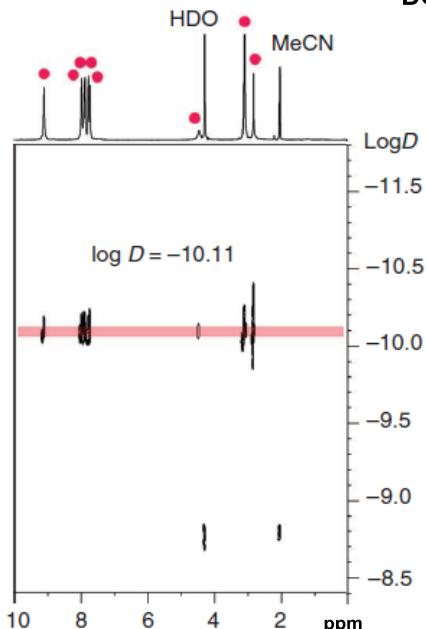
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M. Fujita, et al, *Nature Commun.* 2012, 3, 1093.

DOSY: diffusion-ordered spectroscopy

Determine the value of self diffusion coefficient (D value)

Harada-san's lit.seminar 2006 (D2)  
"DOSY-NMR spectrometry -"



$$^*D \text{ value} \quad D = \frac{k_B T}{6\pi\gamma\eta}$$

X-ray crystallography

Mass spectrometry

NOESY:

Nuclear Overhauser enhancement and Exchange SpectroscopY

ROESY:

Rotating Overhauser enhancement and Exchange SpectroscopY

$k_B$ : Boltzmann coefficient  
 T: absolute temp.  
 $\gamma$ : radius  
 $\eta$ : medium viscosity

# **Encapsulation of Protein**

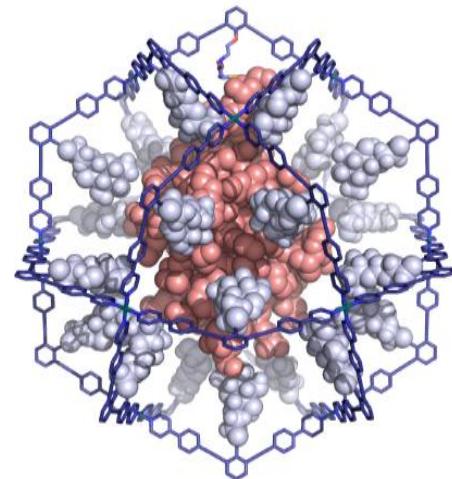
## *2. Encapsulation of Protein*

**Protein encapsulation will enable...**

- Enclathration of biomolecules
- Simple crystallization of proteins
- Control of the structure and function of proteins

**Protein encapsulation is difficult because...**

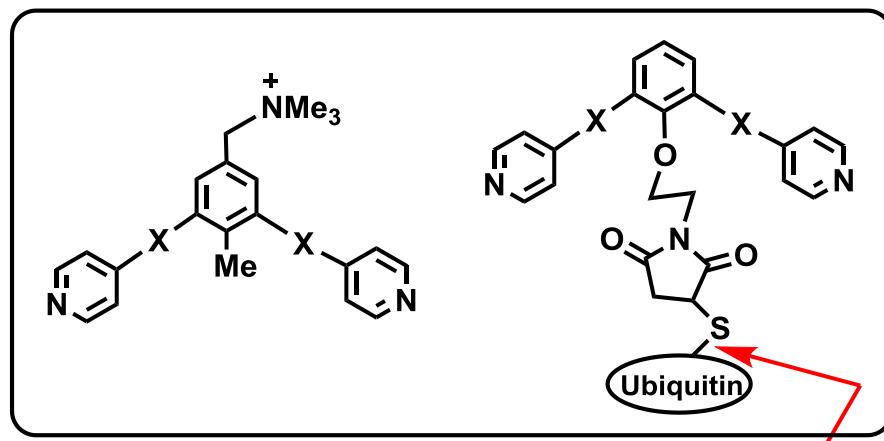
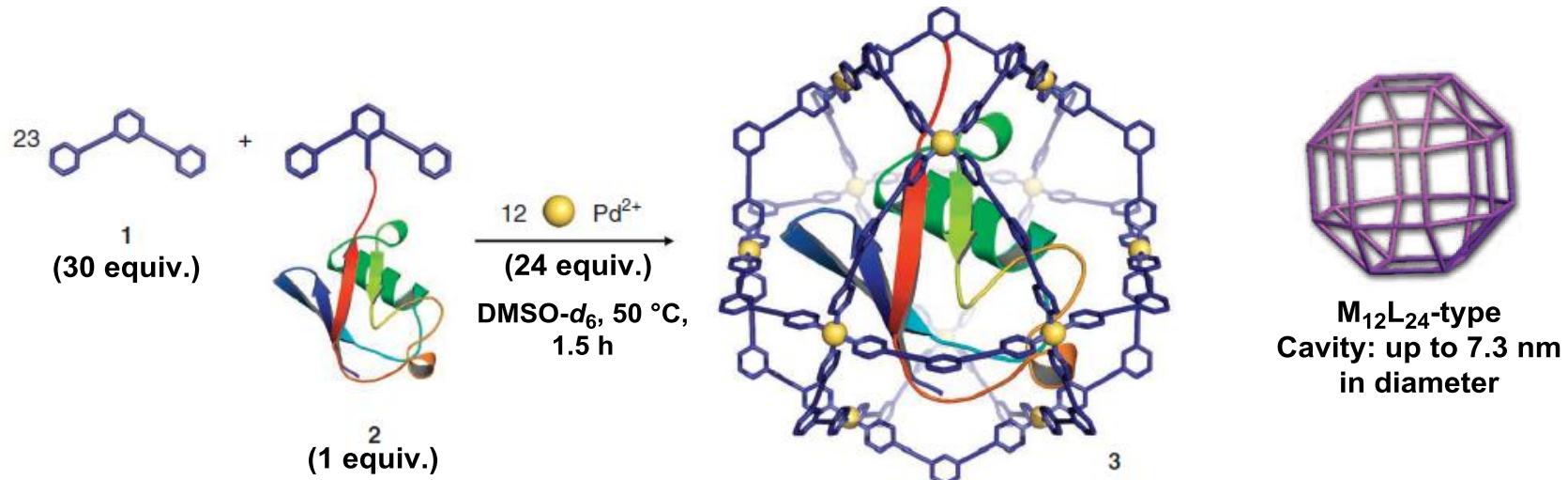
- Protein is large molecule
- Protein has sensitive nature



**Method for protein encapsulation already reported  
(e.g. mesoporous silica, nanogel, reverse micelle...) includes problems about**

- Analysis
- Optimization of the structure of the capsule

# Encapsulation of Protein with Synthetic Host



Pd<sup>2+</sup> source: [Pd(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>](BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

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# Ubiquitin

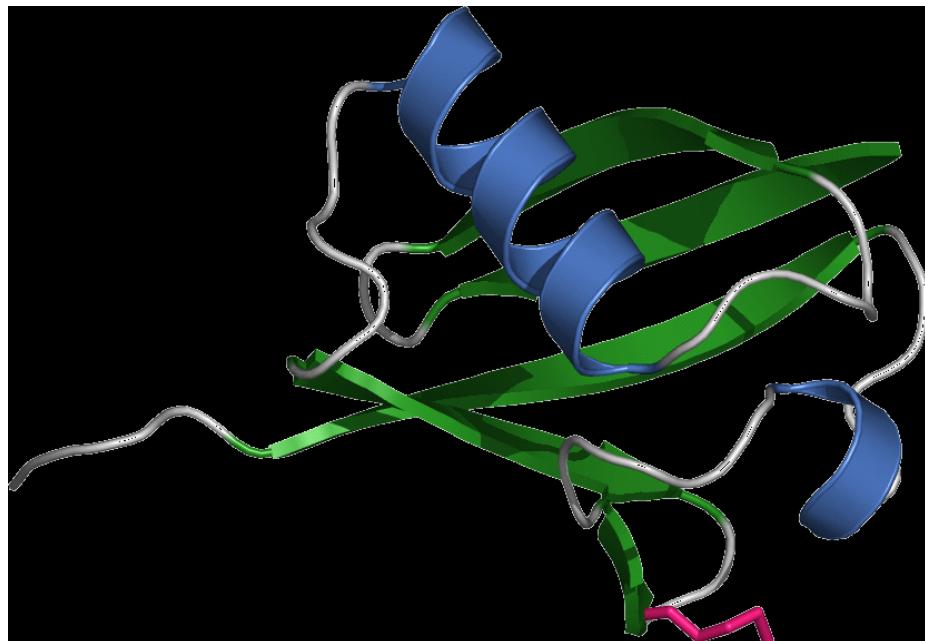
Ubiquitin is present in all eukaryotic cells and investigated well.

## Structure

76 amino acid residues, 8.6 kDa  
 Small globular protein.  
 Approximately 3.4 nm in diameter.

## Functions

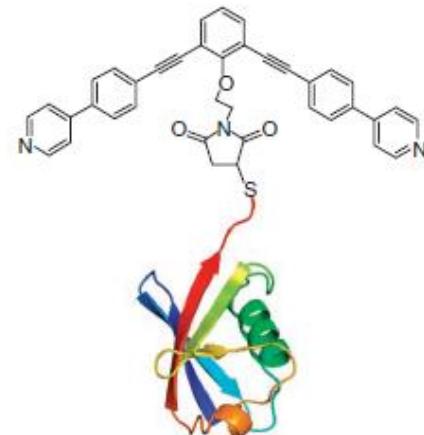
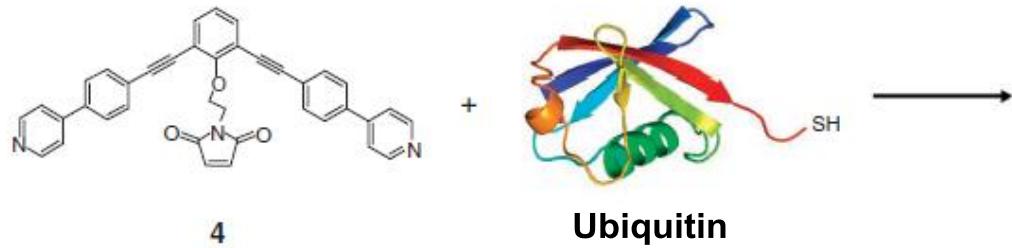
Degradation proteins  
 DNA repair  
 Control of translation  
 Signal transduction



It is known that Gly76 residue at the carboxy terminus does not affect the protein structure.

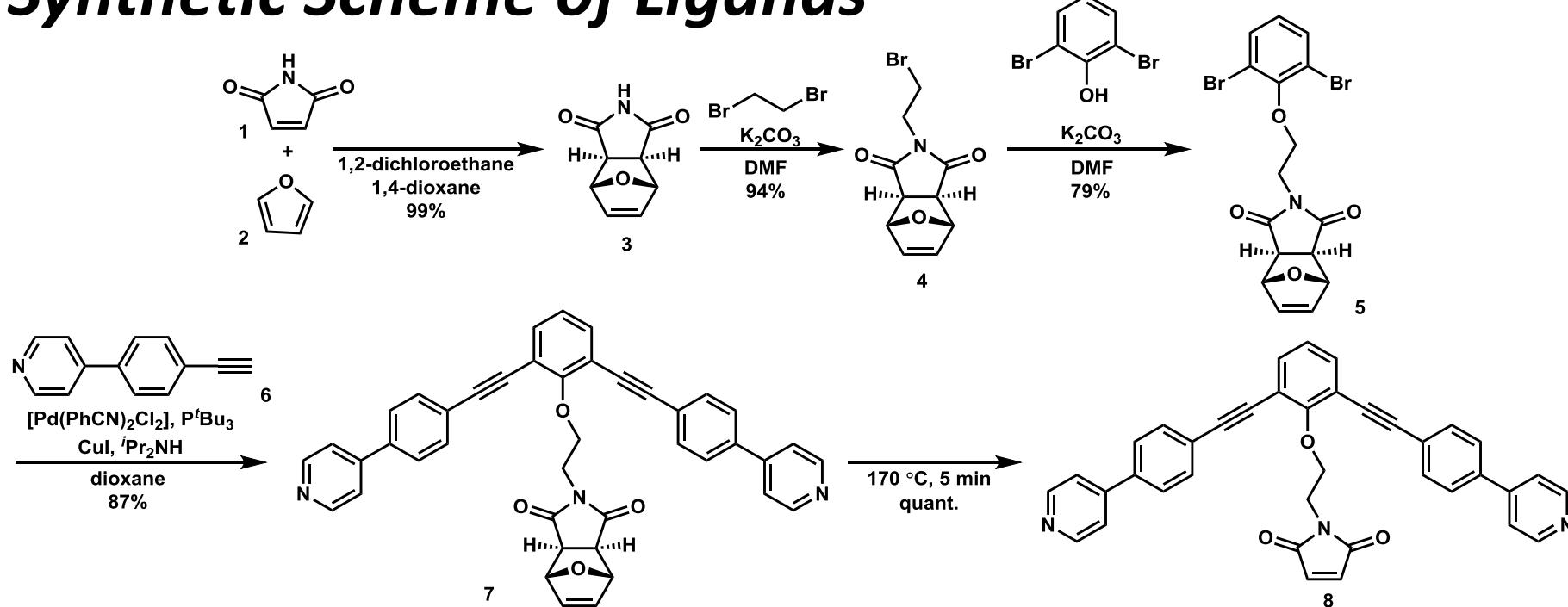
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→ Induction of mutation of carboxy terminus from Gly to Cys.

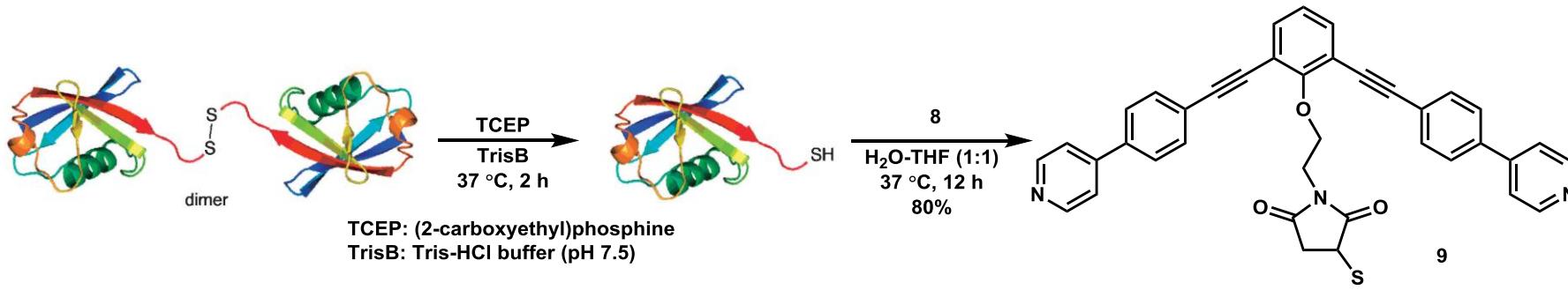


# Synthetic Scheme of Ligands

## 2. Encapsulation of Protein



**Scheme 1.** Two synthetic routes to maleimide-coupled ligand 8.

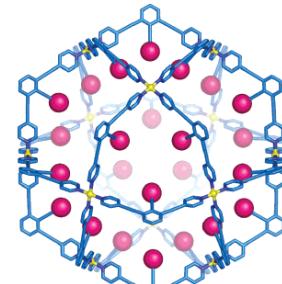
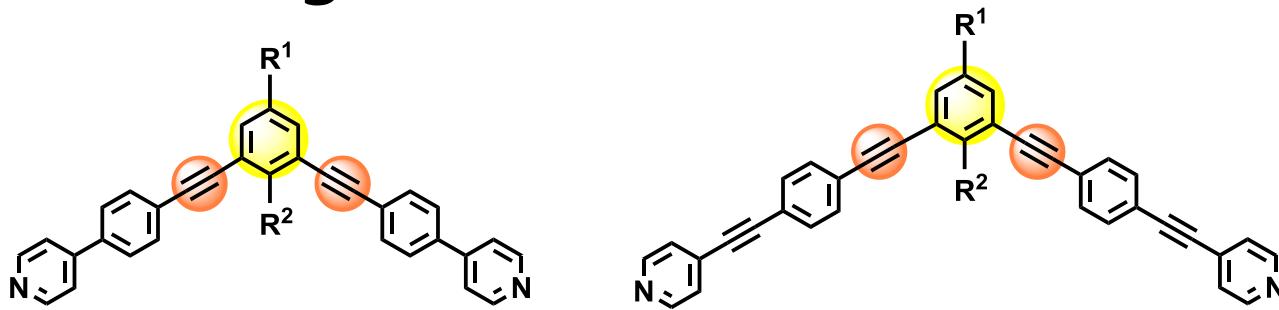


**Scheme 2.** Introduction of ubiquitin to the synthetic ligand through thiolmaleimide coupling.

Characterization of **9** was carried out by ESI-MS, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrometry and SDS-PAGE.

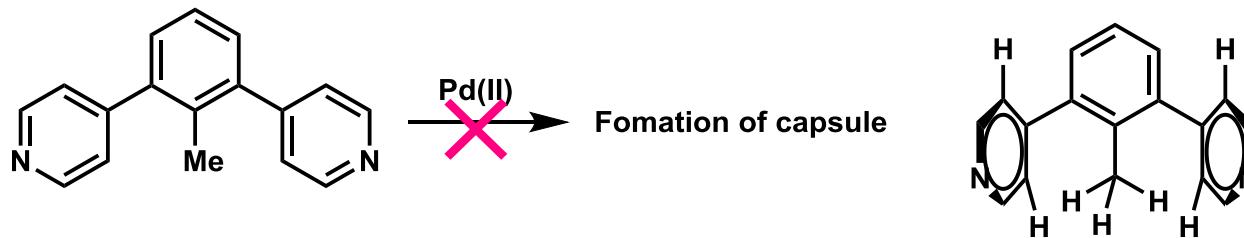
# Ligand Design

## 2. Encapsulation of Protein



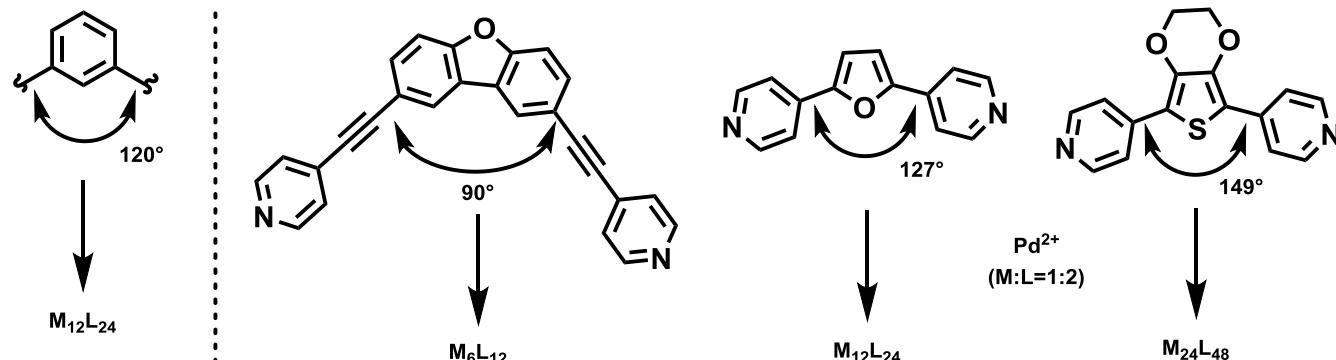
### The important role of acetylene spacer

- ◆ Prevention of the ligand from taking unfavorable nonplanar conformation.



### The meaning of selecting benzene ring at the ligand center.

- ◆ Formation of the desired cage.

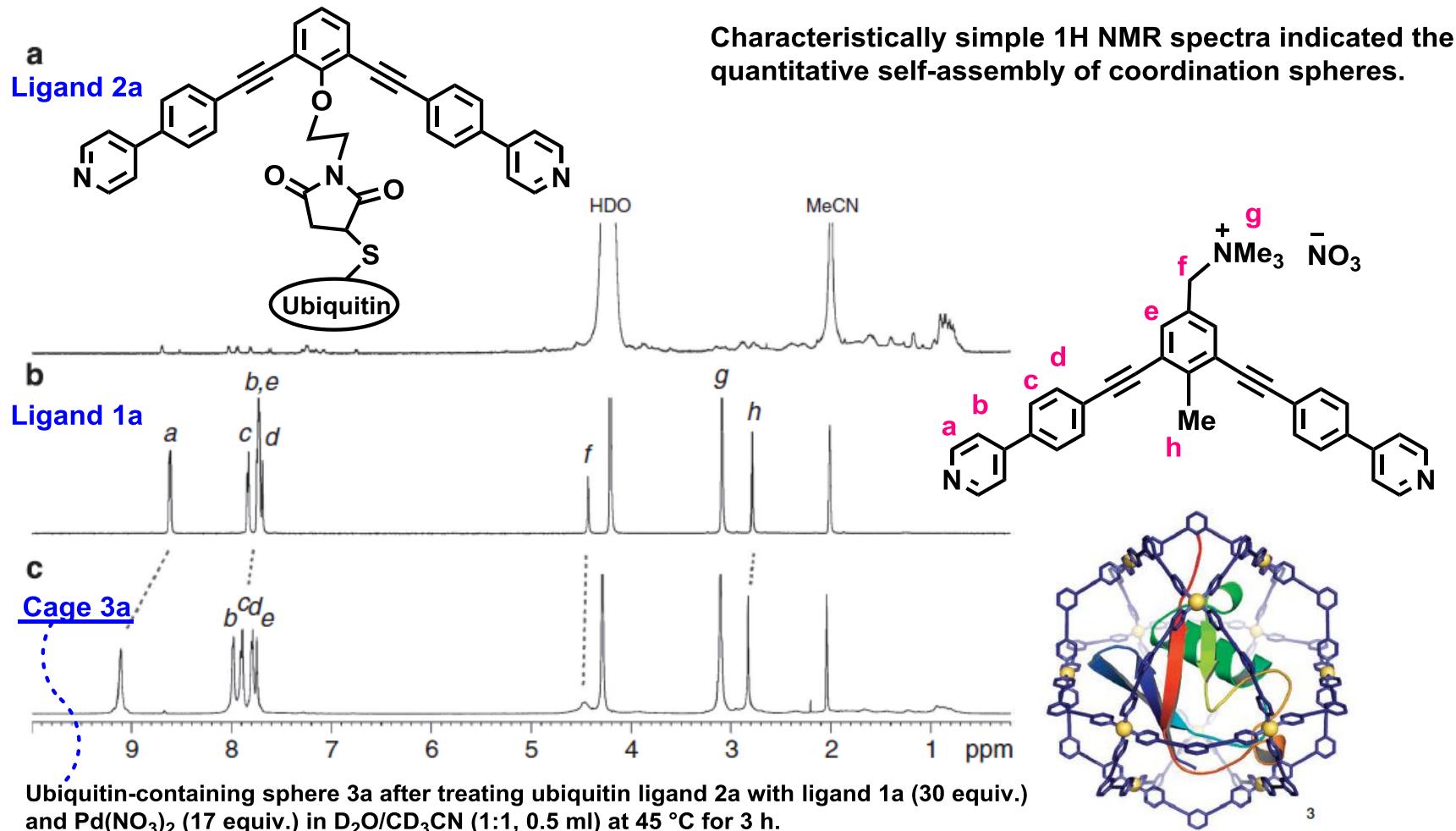


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# Checking Formation of Cage

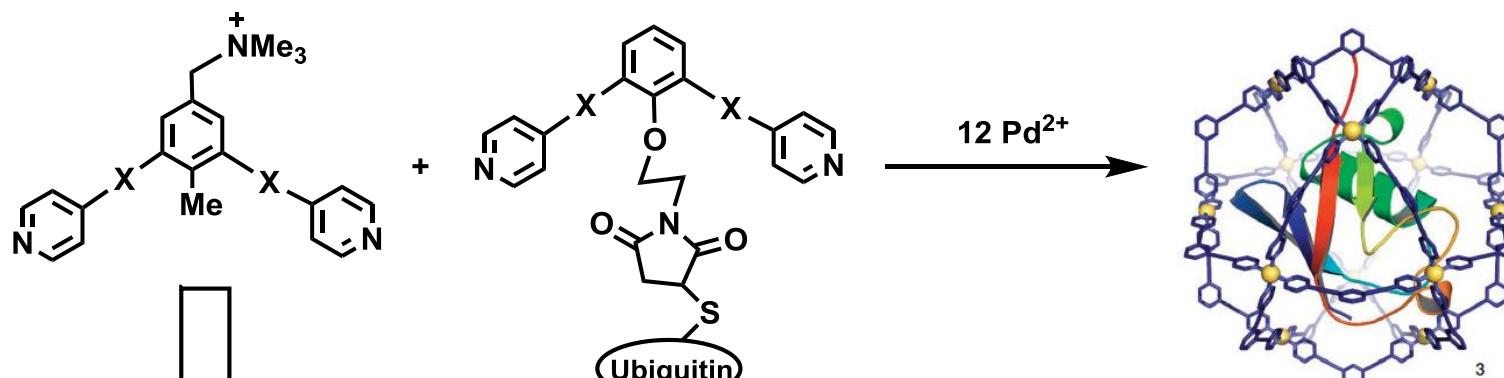
- ◆  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the encapsulation of ubiquitin within coordination spheres.



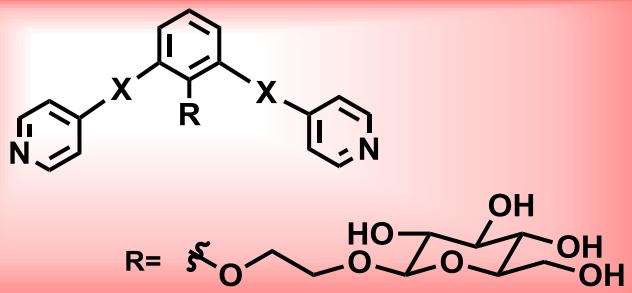
## ◆ diffusion-ordered NMR spectroscopy (DOSY)

→ Determination of the diffusion coefficient D → the presence of the giant coordination sphere

# Introduction of Sugar-Functionalized Ligand



Crystallization was unsuccessful  
 >Because of the high mobility of the  
 dangling ubiquitin molecule in the cage.  
 >Fill the void in the cage.

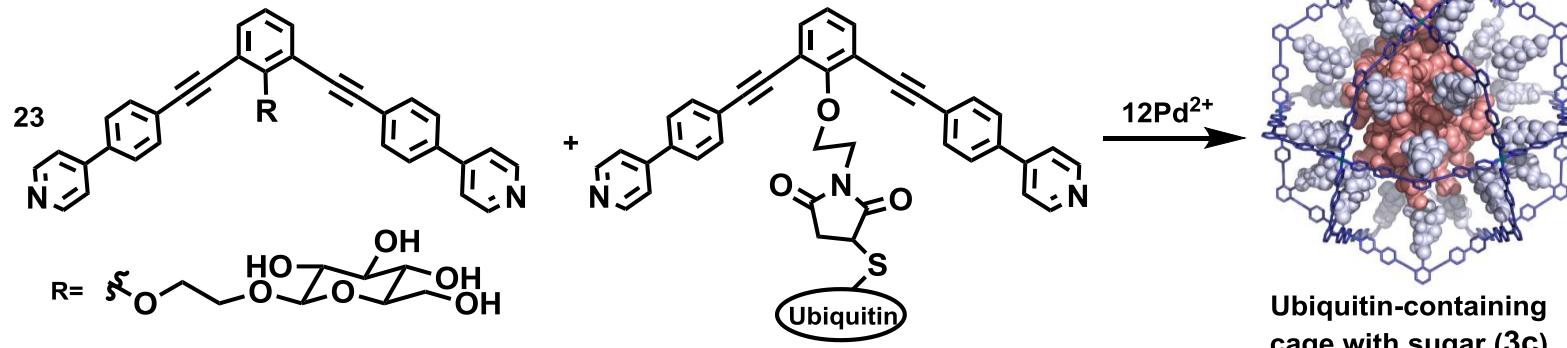


Encapsulation with  
 ubiquitin-ligated Ligand

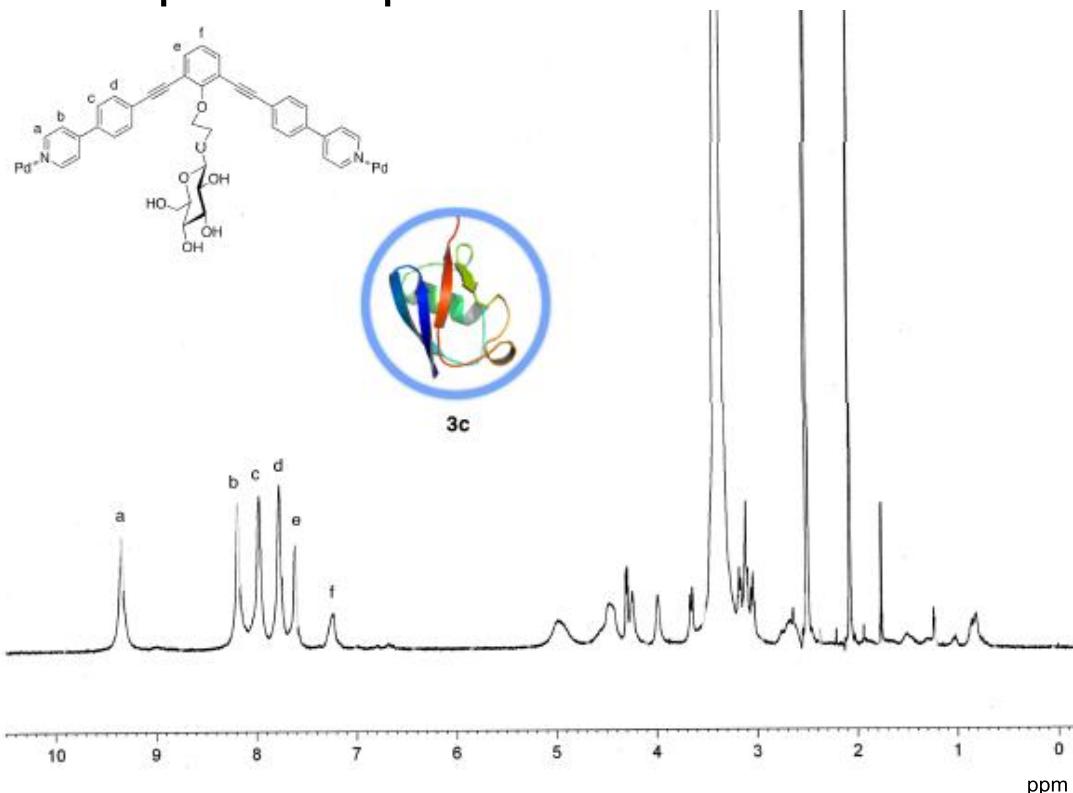
Ubiquitin-containing cage was formed.  
 (Confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and DOSY)  
 X-ray quality single crystals were obtained.

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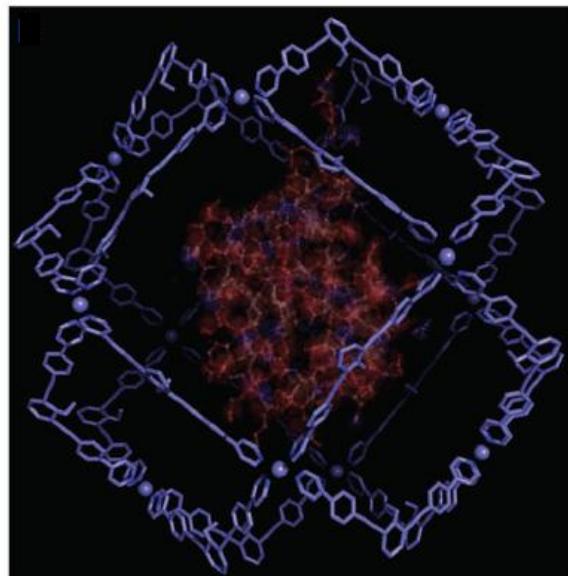
# Checking Inclusion of Ubiquitin in Cage



$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of sphere 3c



MEM refinement of the structure of the ubiquitin-containing cage with sugar.



# Encapsulation and Crystallization of Protein

*Did molecular capsule make crystallization of protein easy??*

There remain difficulties for this cage system to become useful method for crystallization of protein.

Screening of the condition for crystallization (e.g. method, pH of buffer, temperature, additive)

Preparation of the adequate amount of sample

The cage system is expected to organize the condition for crystallization of protein.

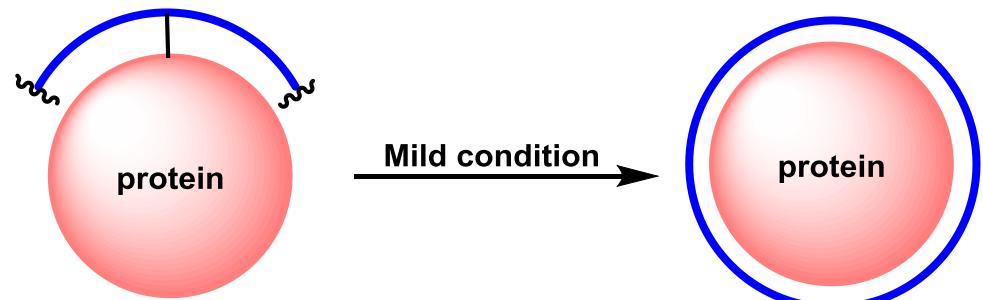
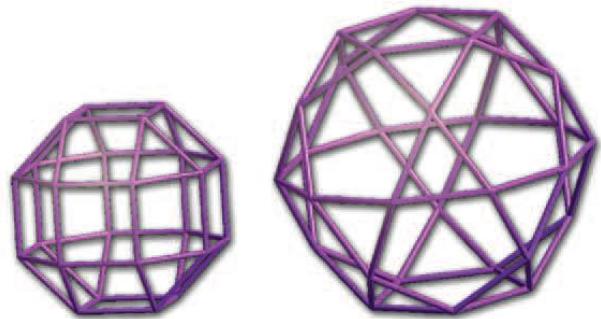
## Necessities for General Method of Protein Encapsulation

Larger size of capsule → Other structure of ligand

Most protein is larger than ubiquitin.

Bond cleavage between cage and protein

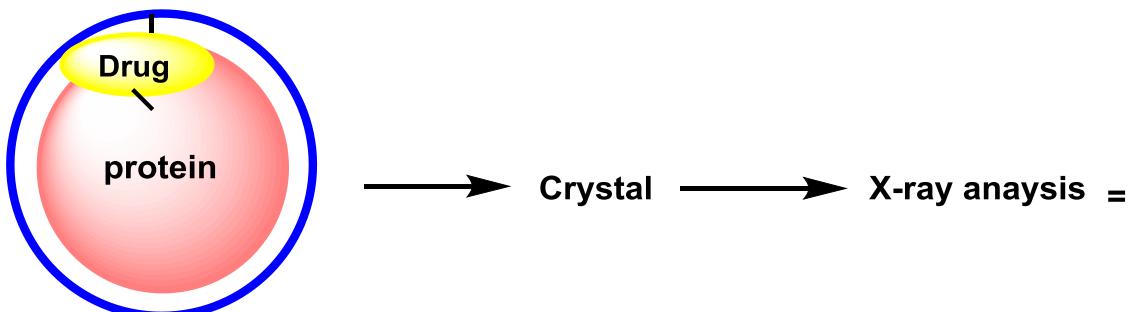
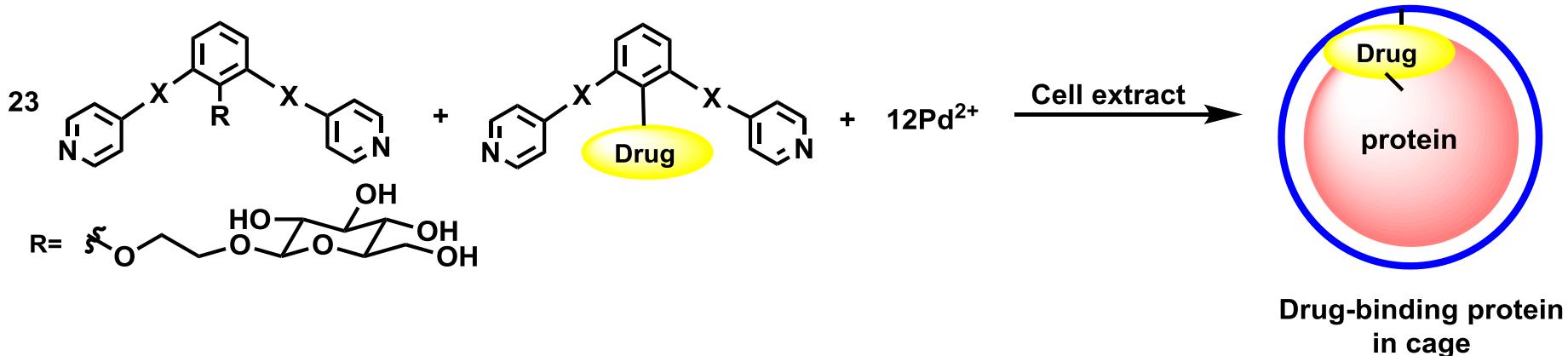
To guarantee the native structure.



# **Application --Enclathration of Biomolecule**

Drug → Modification of the structure

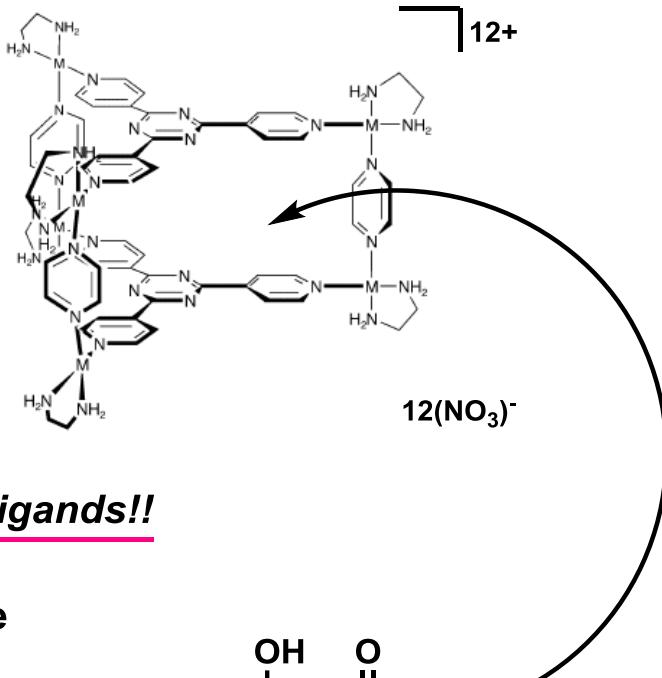
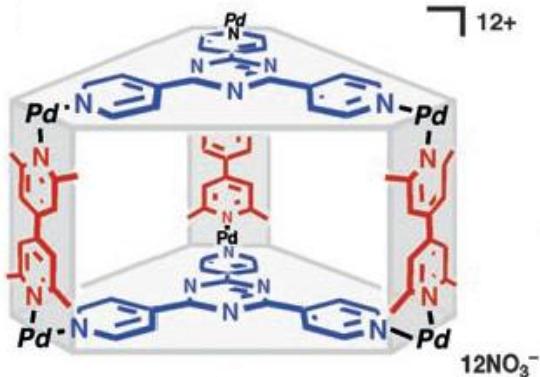
To identify the target protein of a drug, its isolation is important.



We can see  
Target protein  
Binding site

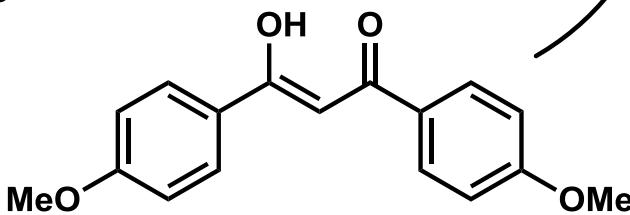
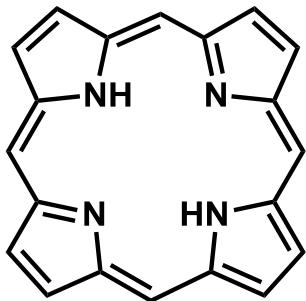
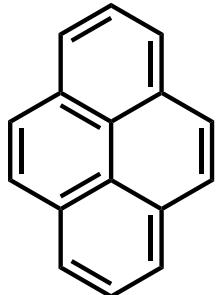
# Prism-shaped Cage

## 3. Capsules for planar structure

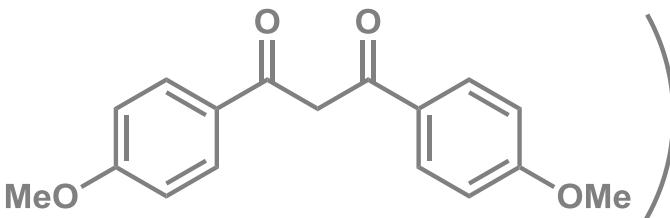


Using two types of ligands!!

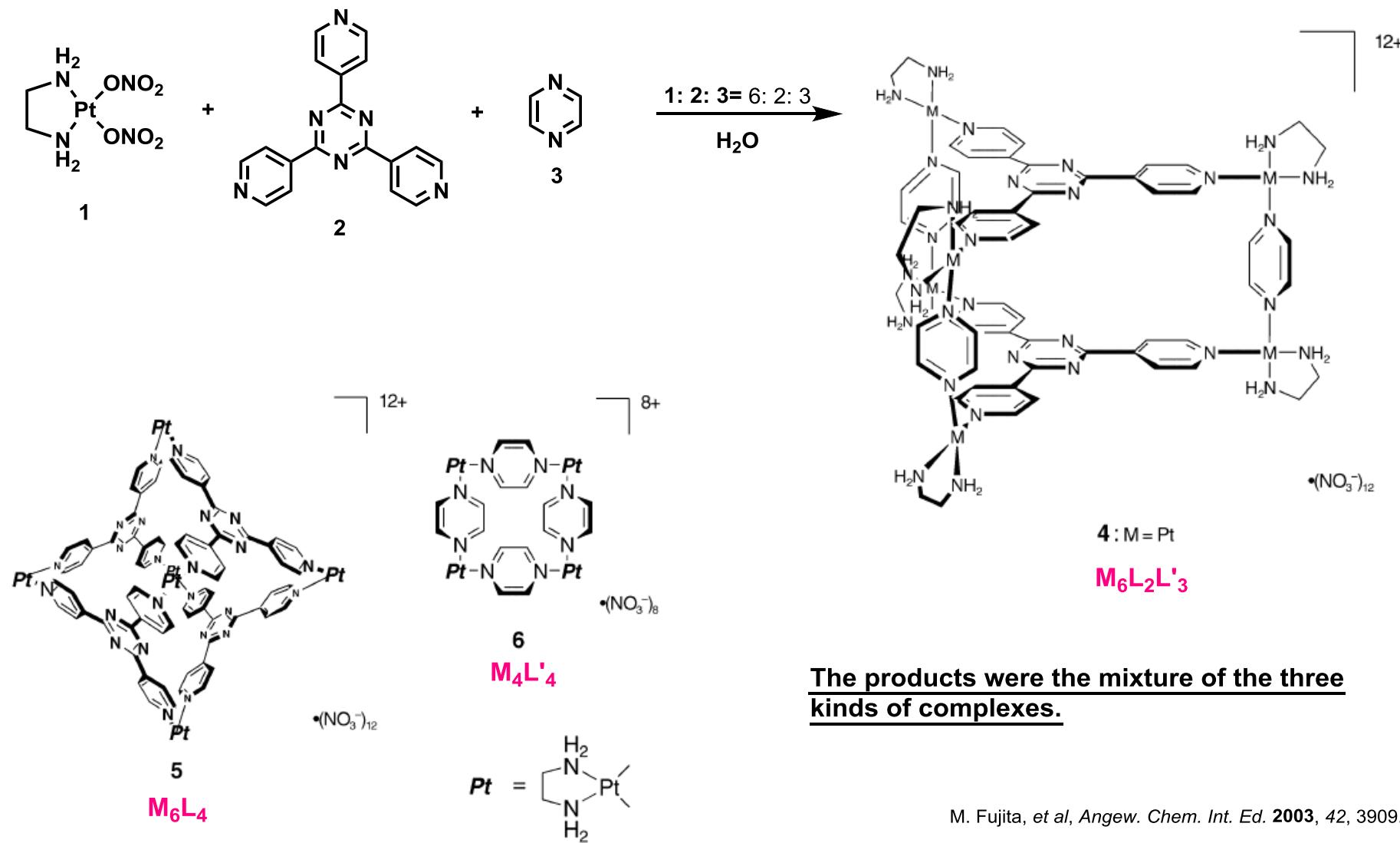
Guest: polycyclic aromatic rings, planar structure



Not



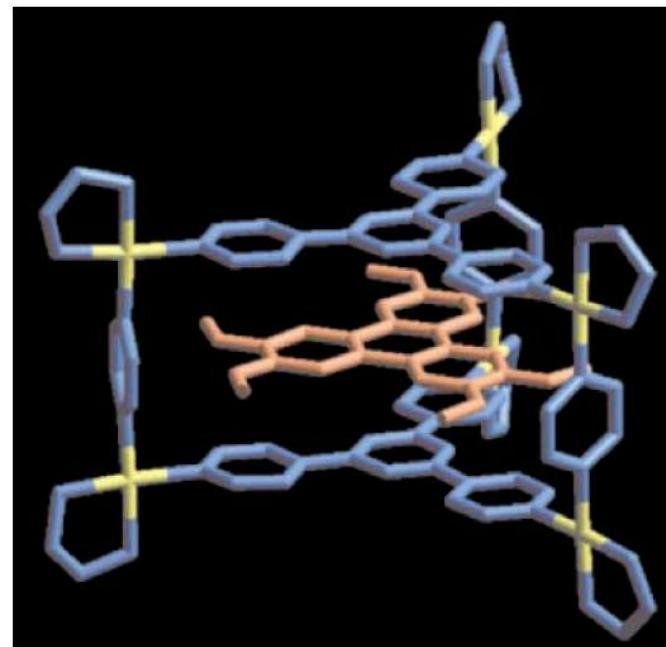
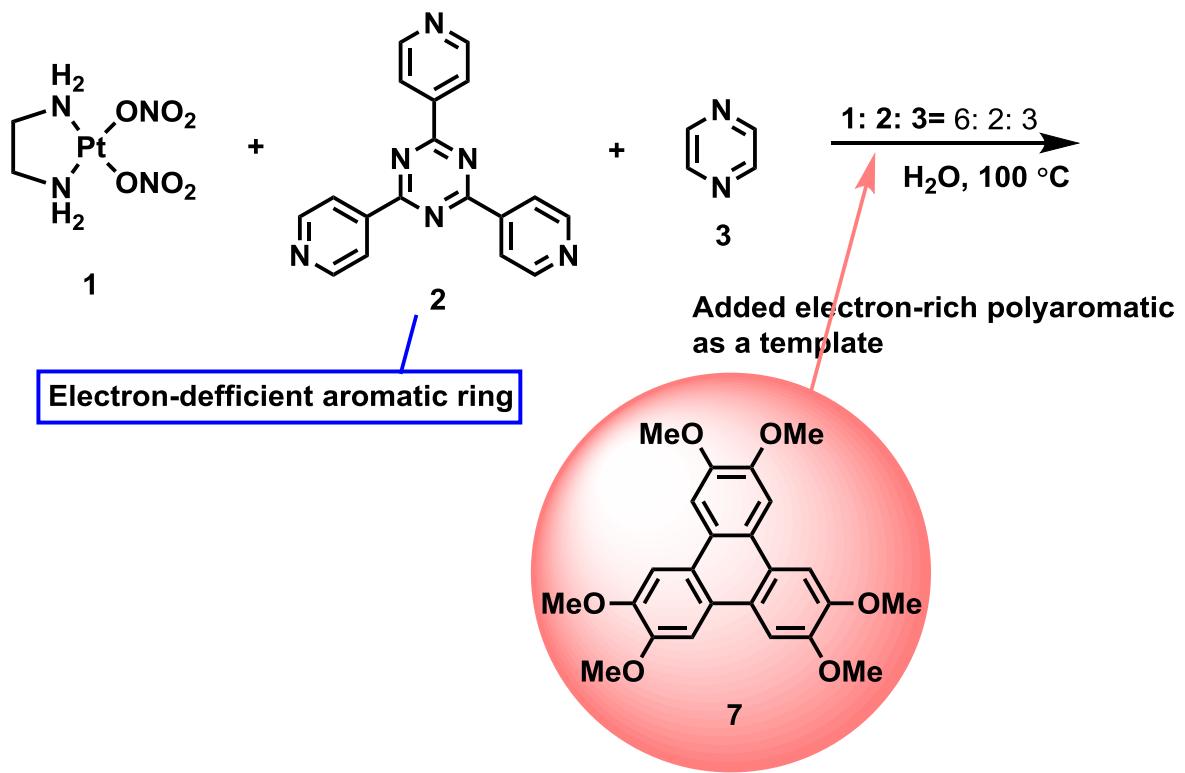
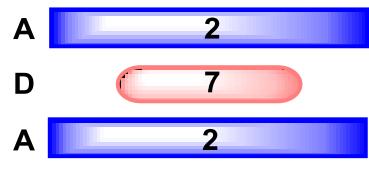
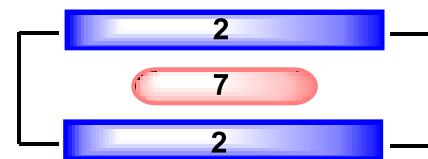
# Synthesis of Prism-shaped Cage



The products were the mixture of the three kinds of complexes.

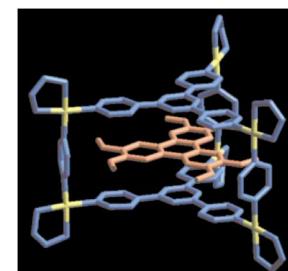
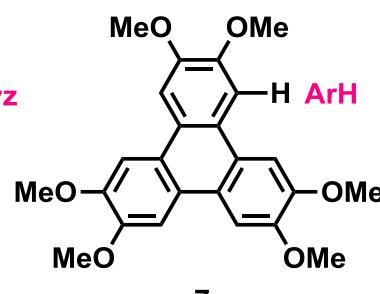
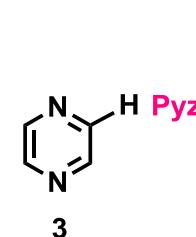
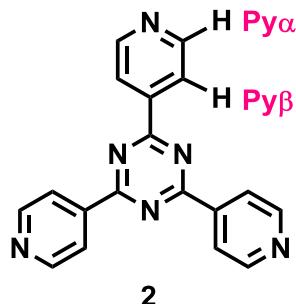
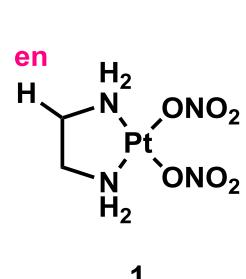
M. Fujita, et al, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2003, 42, 3909.

# Method for Selective Synthesis of Prism-shaped Cage

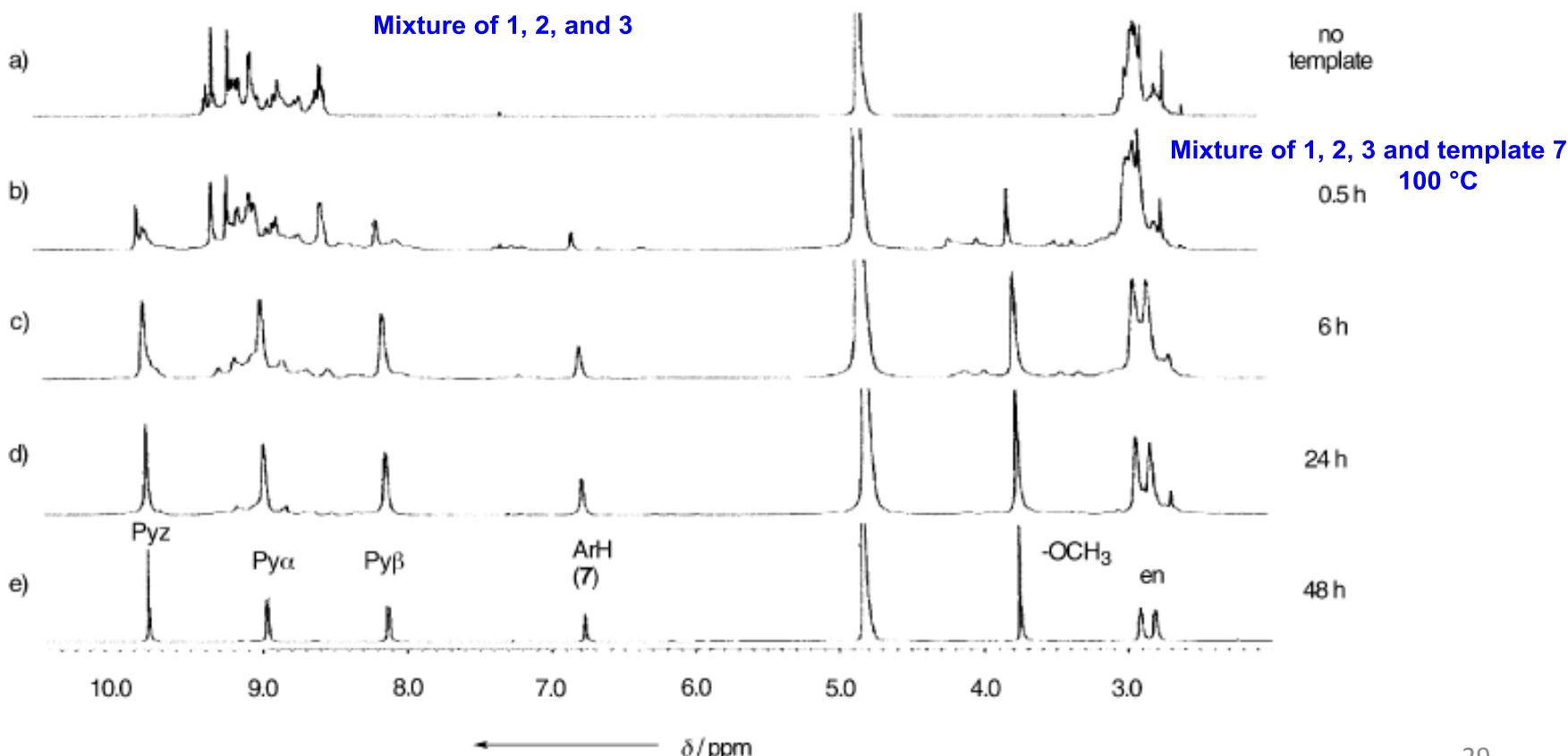
*in H<sub>2</sub>O* $1+3$ 

# Checking Formation of Cage

## 3. Capsules for planar structure



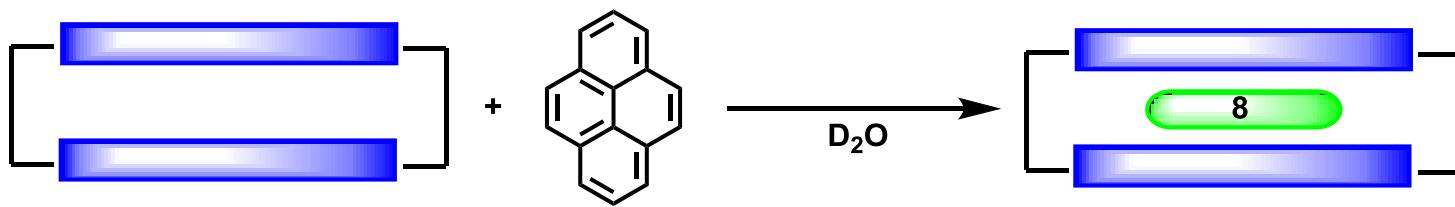
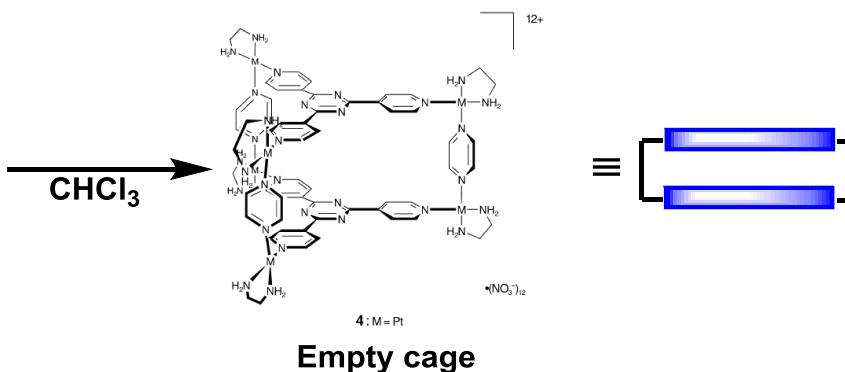
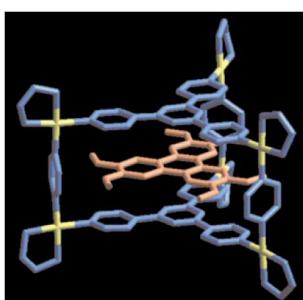
Mixture of 1, 2, and 3



<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra showing the guest-templated assembly of 7 $\subset$ 4 complex (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 25 °C). Pyz=pyrazine.

# Exchange of Guest Molecule

## 3. Capsules for planar structure



4

8

8

a)

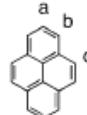
4

b)

Pyz

Py $\alpha$

Py $\beta$



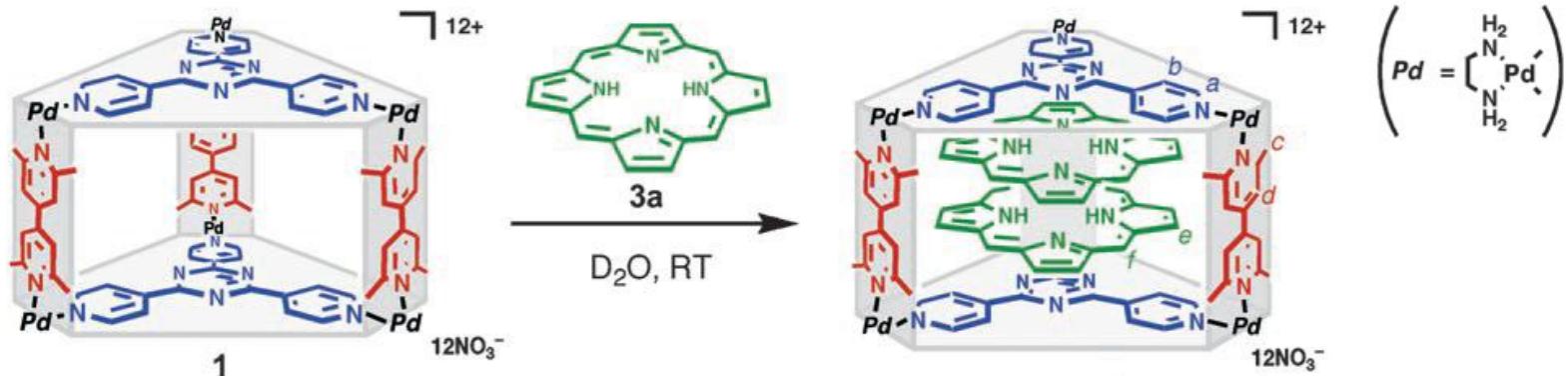
8 $\subset$ 4

10.0      9.5      9.0      8.5      8.0      7.5      7.0      6.5      6.0

$\delta / \text{ppm}$

$^1\text{H-NMR spectra of aromatic regions}$

# Expansion of Void of Cage

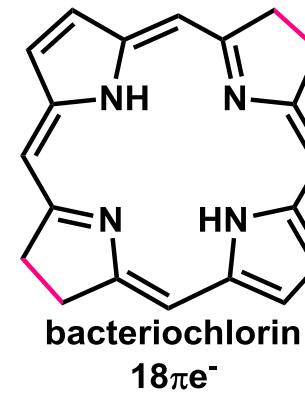
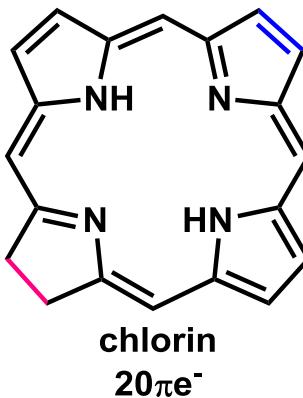
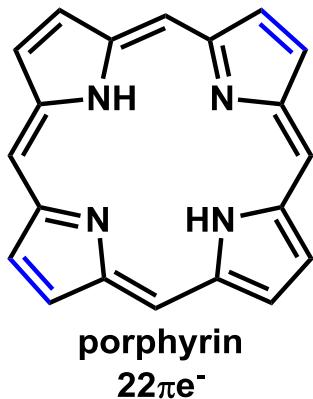


Confirmed by  $^1H$ -NMR, CSI-MS,  
X-ray crystallography

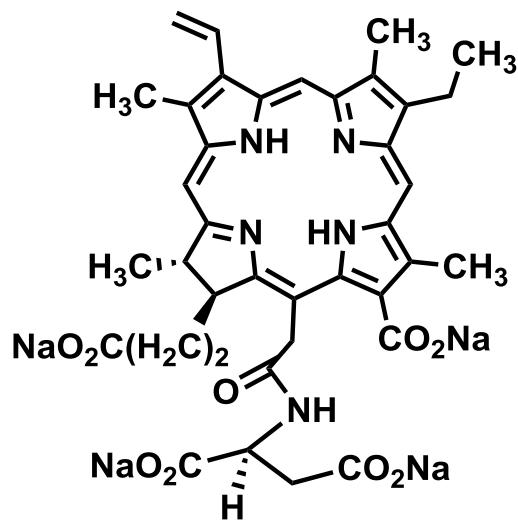
Extension of pillar ligands  $\longrightarrow$  Increase of the number of guests

Prism-shaped cage has potential to transfer porphyrine and analogues.  
Used for therapy of cancer

# Photosensitizer for Treatment of Cancer



conjugate double bonds



Talaporfin sodium

Used for treatment of lung cancer

Side effect: skin photosensitivity

\*One of the reason of skin photosensitivity: porphyria  
= Too much photosensitizer occur some inflammation.

It is important to distribute chlorin core to target tissue selectively.

➡ Drug delivery system (DDS)

# EPR Effect and PDT

## 3. Capsules for planar structure

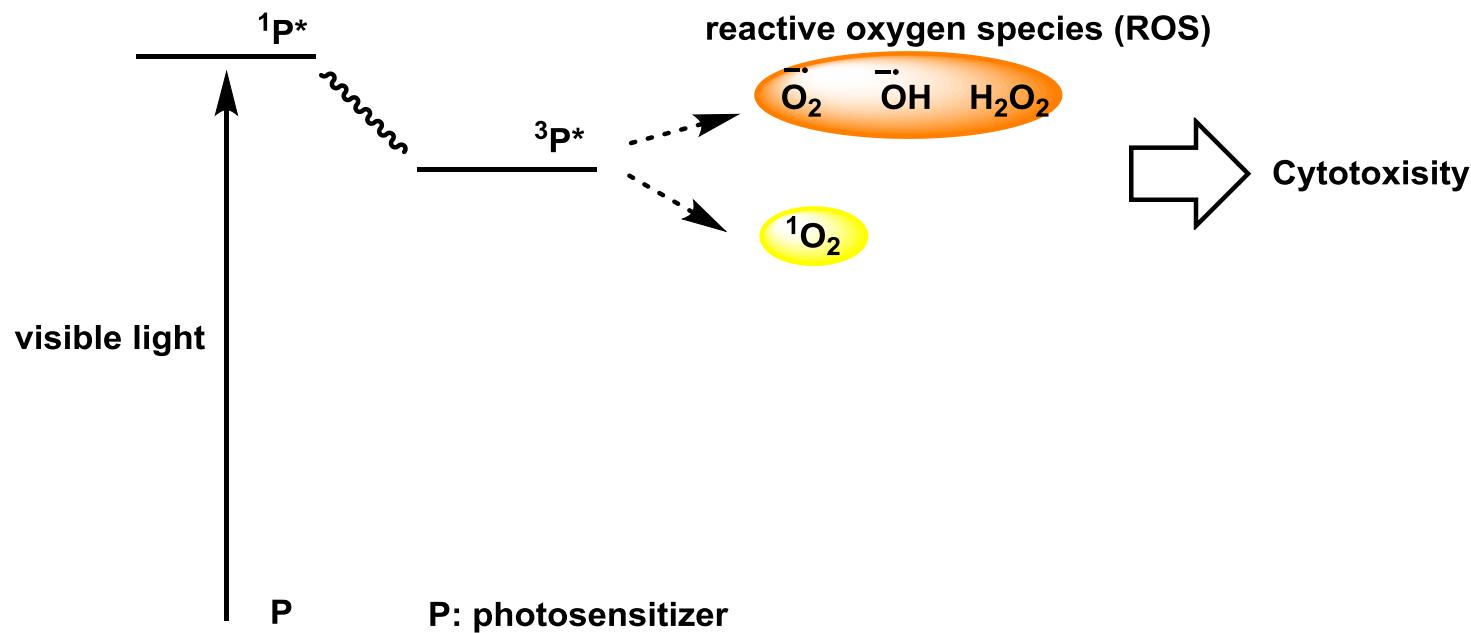
### Enhanced Permeability and Retention (EPR) effect

Enhanced permeability of blood vessels in tumor tissues.  
Impaired clearance of molecules.

→ Macromolecule are tend to accumulate in tumor tissue.

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### Principle of Photodynamic Therapy (PDT)



H. Maeda, *Advan. Enzyme Regul.* **2001**, 41, 189.  
K. Takemura, *Hokkaido University Collection of Scholarly  
and Academic Papers*, <http://hdl.handle.net/2115/24336>.

# **Combination of PDT and DDS**

*3. Capsules for planar structure*

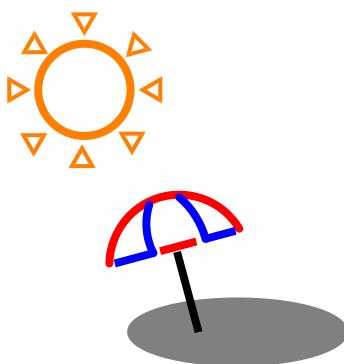
## **PDT**

**Pharmacological action of compounds can be controlled after medication.**

**× photosensitivity**

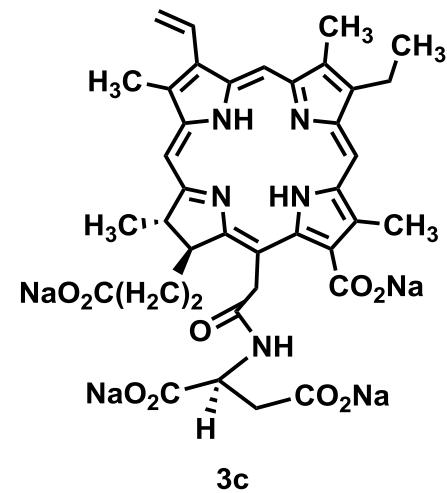
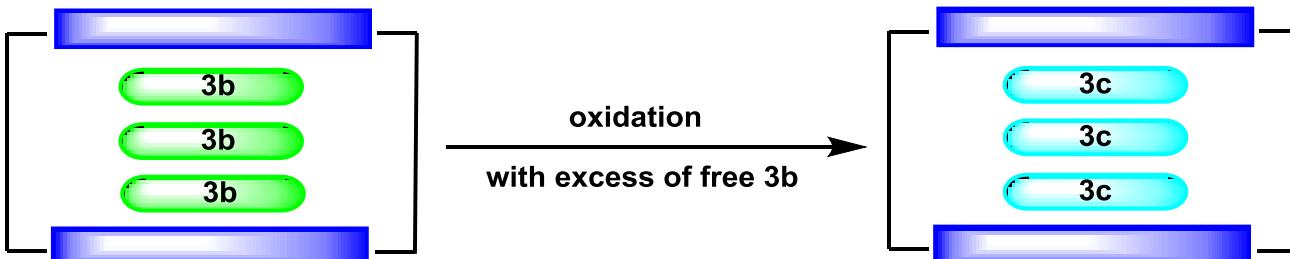
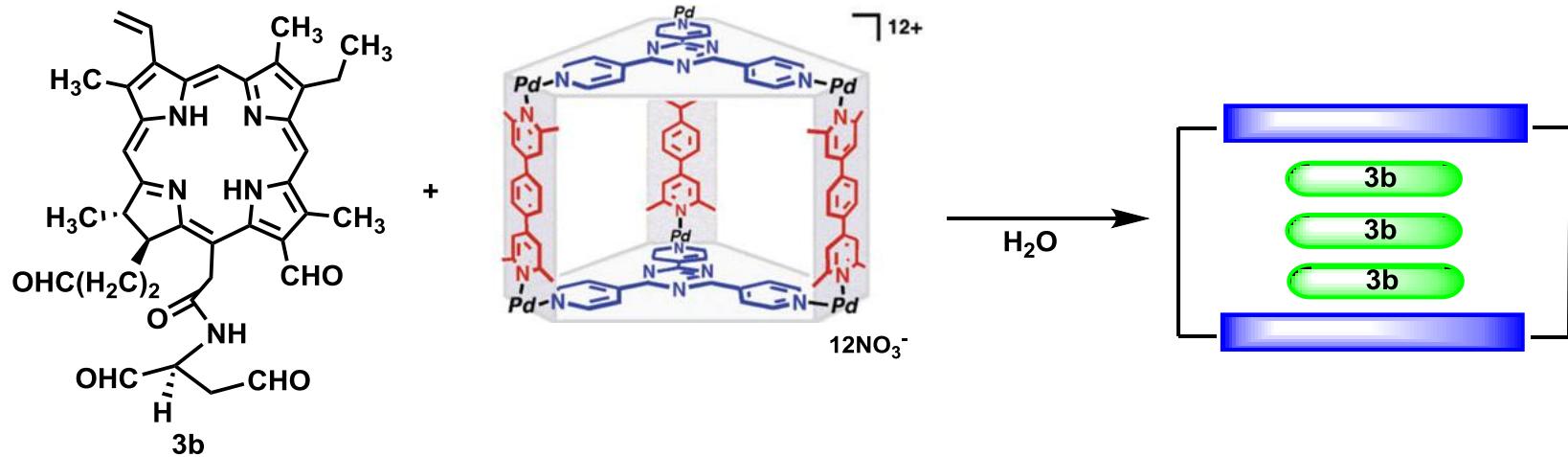
## **DDS**

**Selective transportation of drug to the target tissue can realize.**



# Inclusion of Photosensitizer

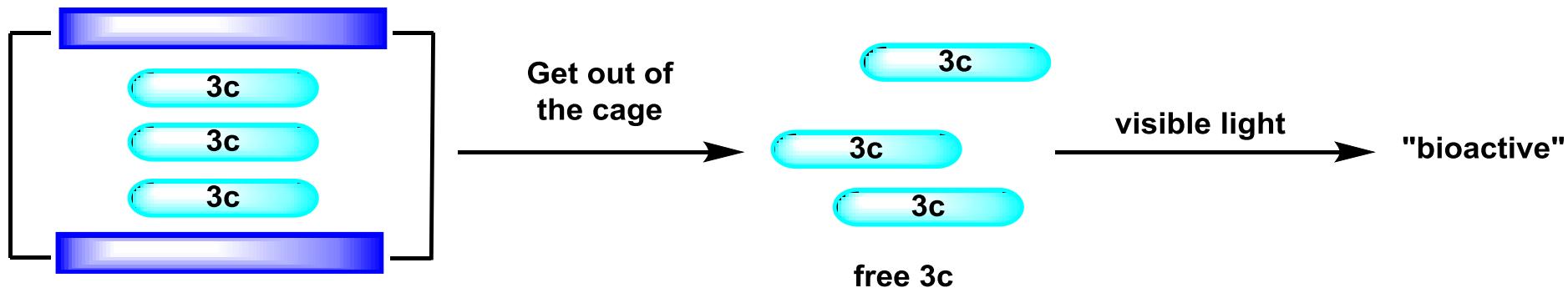
*in vitro*



# ***Exclusion of Photosensitizer***

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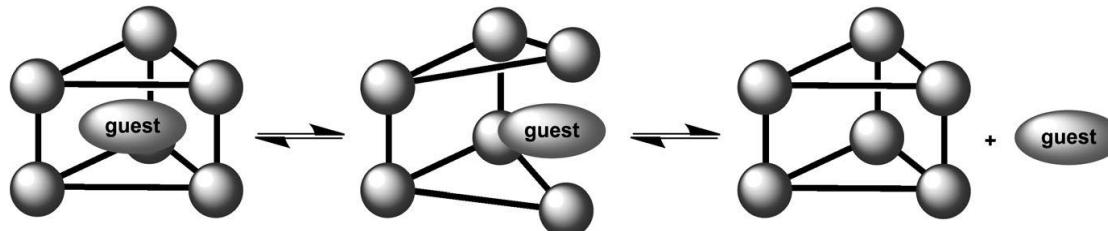
*in cancer cell*



*How to control the release of the guests in target cells??*

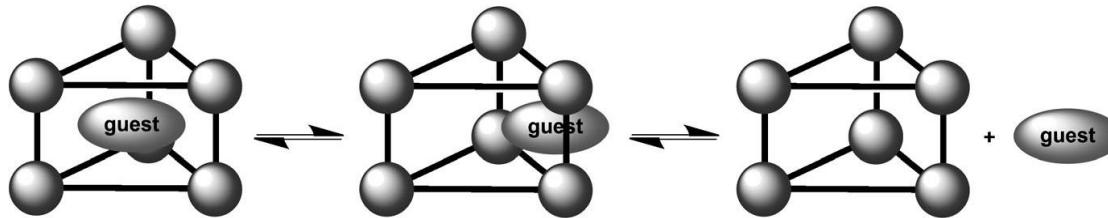
# How to Release Guest?

<Via host rupture>



Further reagent will be needed to cleavage the coordination bond.

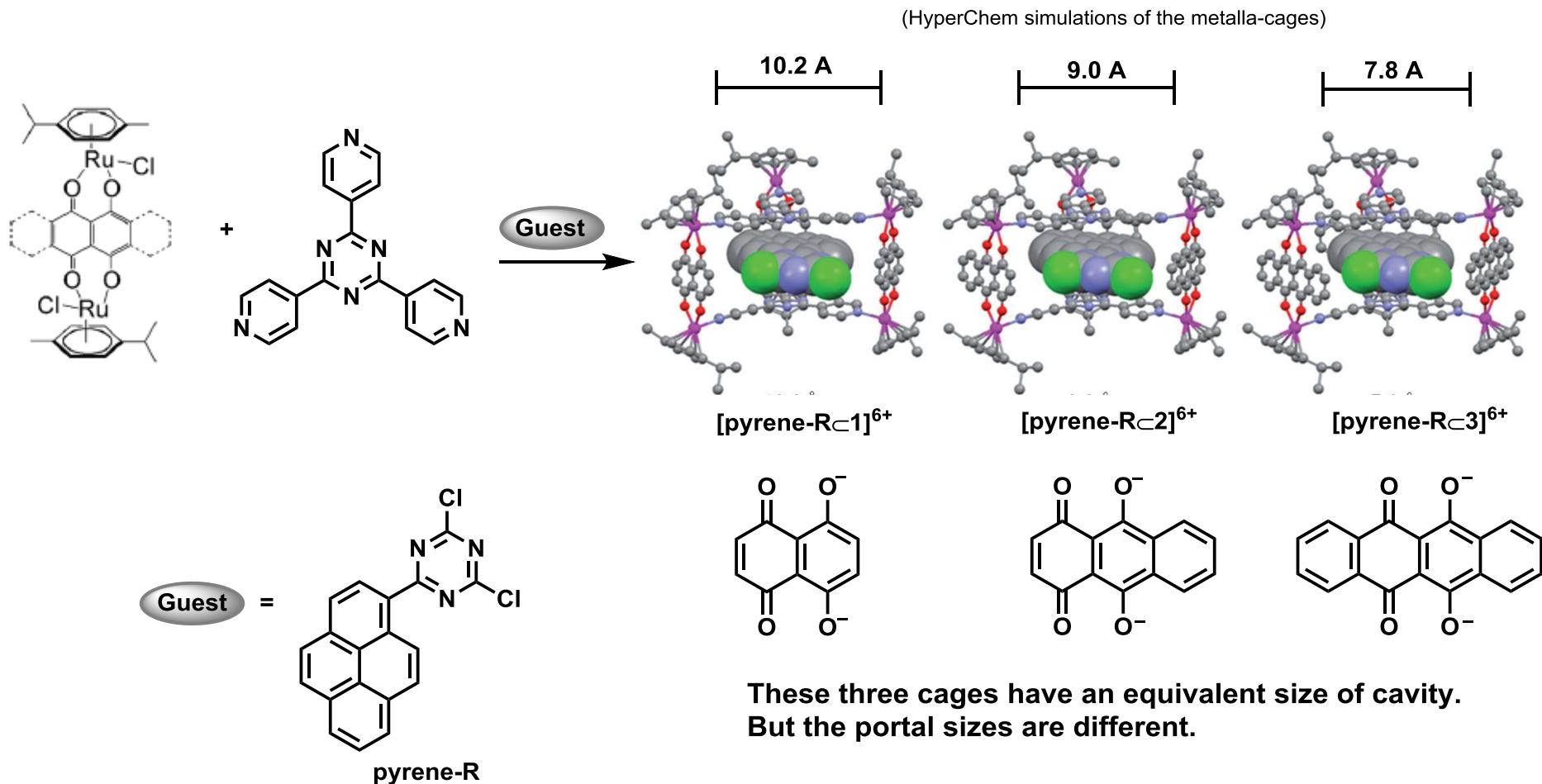
<Via host aperture>



Stimuli change the portal size of cage and facilitate the guest release.

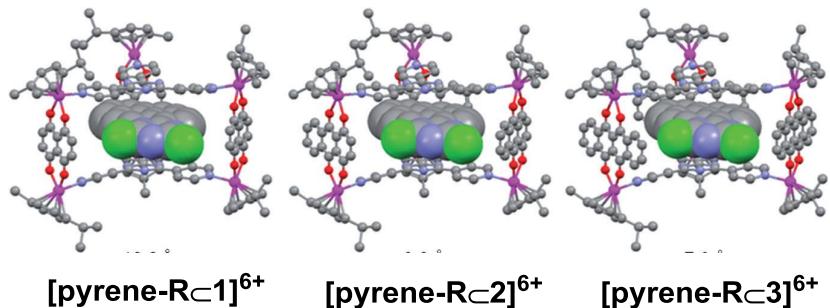
# Control of Portal Size

## 3. Capsules for planar structure

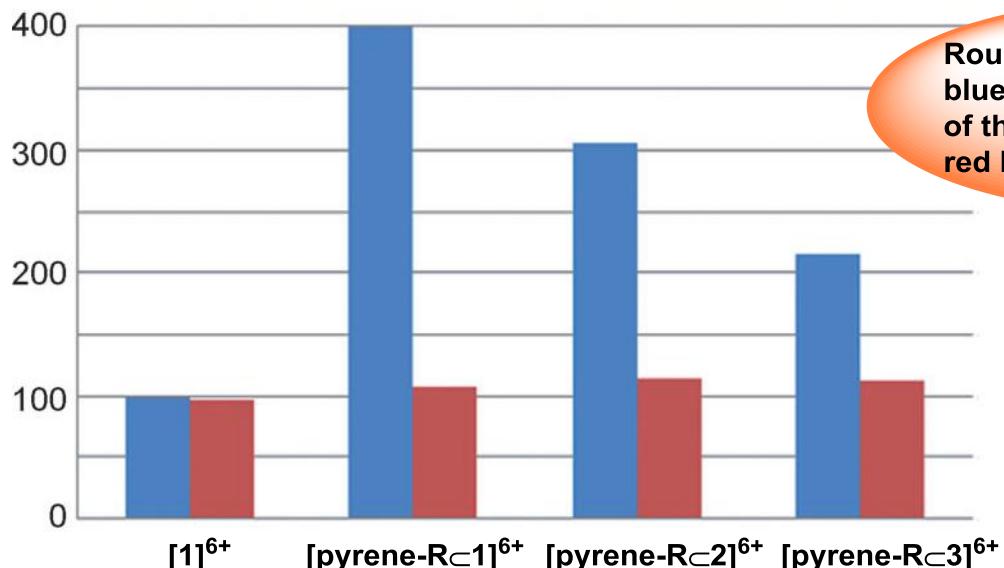


Bruno Therrien, et al, *Chem. Eur. J.* 2011, 17, 9669.

# Portal Size and Release of Guest Molecule



\*photochroism: 淡色効果  
分子の規則的な配列によって  
見かけ上の色がうすくなる効果



Roughly,  
blue bar displays the amount  
of the free pyrene-R and  
red bar exhibits cage taking in.

blue: Fluorescence recorded by flow cytometry of [pyrene-R<1-3]<sup>6+</sup> indicating pyrene-R release from the host.  
red: Ruthenium uptake determined by ICP-MS is also shown.  
Cells were incubated with [1][CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>]<sub>6</sub> and [pyrene-R<1-3][CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>]<sub>6</sub> at 2 µM for 24 h.  
Human A2780 ovarian carcinoma cells

This result shows things below.

Uptakes of cages in cell (red): There is almost no difference among 1, 2 and 3.

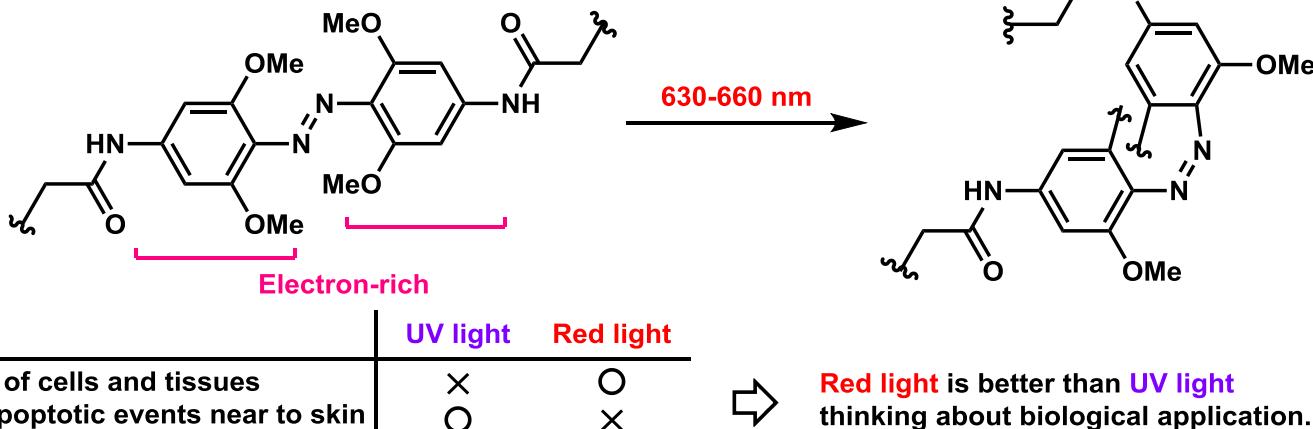
The amount of the released guest (blue): 1>2>3

→corelation between the portal size of the host and release of pyrane-R.

# Expansion of Portal Size of Host

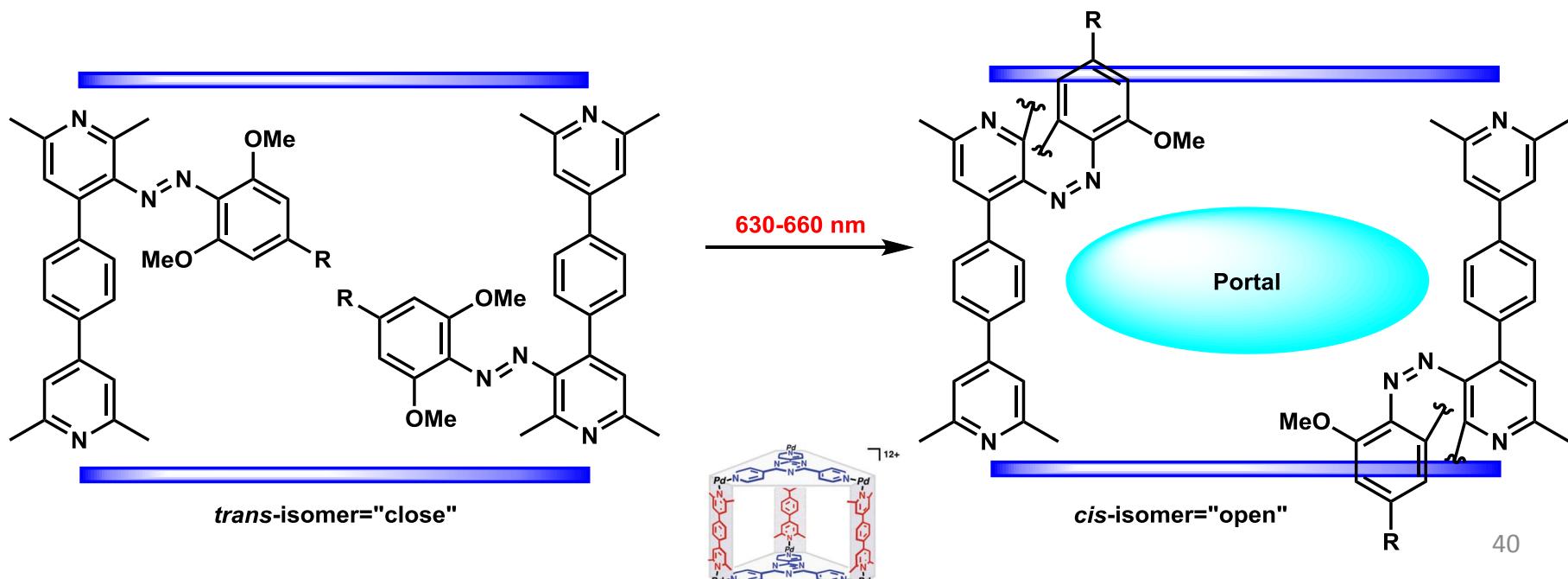
## 3. Capsules for planar structure

Isomerization of azobenzene from *trans*-form to *cis*



G. Andrew Woolley, et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2013, doi.org/10.1021/ja402220t

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# *Side Effect Based on Cage*

## *3. Capsules for planar structure*



**Drug driver system potentially includes the compounds without the direct relation to drug efficacy.**

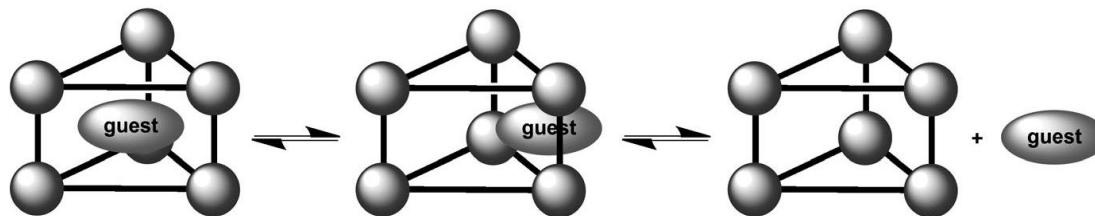
**The compound is not only waste but also origin of adverse event.**



**At least, this cage system is beneficial because**

**the water-soluble cage is intact.= advantage in excretion**

**the ligands occupy the coordination sites of metal.= prevent the side effect owing to metal**



# *Summary and Outlook*

**Coordination complexes ( $M_mL_n$ ) can be easily synthesised.**

**Simple functionalization of ligand can change the property the inner sphere of the capsule and diverse molecules can be recognized selectively as guests.**

**Capsules having different size and shape were synthesized and we can select the good structure according to our sake.**

