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Self-assembly through hydrogen bonding and photochemical properties of supramolecular complexes of bis(18-crown-6)stilbene with alkanediammonium ions

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[2+2] Photocycloaddition reaction in organic chemistry











Table. Composition and the ratio of the photolysis products of stilbene (E)–1 solutions in the absence and presence of ethylammonium and alkanediammonium perchlorates.^{*a*}

Salt	Photolyzate composition (mol. %) ^b						
	(<i>E</i>)- 1	(Z)- 1	2a	2b	3	rctt-4	rtct-4
_	12	55	18	8	5	2	0
EtNH ₃ ⁺ ClO ₄ ⁻	13	76	7	2	2	0	0
C2	0	24	0	0	0	70	6
C3	0	13	0	0	0	83	4
C4	0	19	0	0	1	73	7
C5	1	57	0	0	6	33	3
C6	3	62	0	1	3	28	3
C7	4	72	2	3	6	11	2
C8	3	78	1	3	4	7	4
С9	5	66	20	5	4	0	0
C10	8	53	31	6	2	0	0
C12	29	40	24	3	4	0	0

^{*a*} MeCN, $C_1 = 1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ mol L⁻¹, 1.1 equivalents of salt Cn or 2.2 equivalents of EtNH₃⁺ClO₄⁻.

^b According to the ¹H NMR spectral data.

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X-ray crystallography



Structure of the main components of complex $[rctt-4\cdot(C4)_2]$ shown in thermal ellipsoids with the 20% probability. The most part of the hydrogen atoms and disordering of the fragments of the macrocycles are omitted. Hydrogen bonds are shown by dashed lines.

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Spectrophotometric study



$$(E)-\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{Cn}^{2+} \stackrel{K_{1:1}}{\longleftarrow} (E)-\mathbf{1} \cdot \mathbf{Cn}^{2+}$$
$$(E)-\mathbf{1} \cdot \mathbf{Cn}^{2+} + (E)-\mathbf{1} \cdot \mathbf{Cn}^{2+} \stackrel{K_{2:2}}{\longleftarrow} [(E)-\mathbf{1} \cdot \mathbf{Cn}^{2+}]_2$$





(2), $[(E)-1\cdot C2^{2+}]_2$ (3) in MeCN.

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Most probable conformations of stilbene (*Z*)-1, complex (*Z*)-1·(EtNH₃⁺)₂, and complex (*Z*)-1·C2²⁺ in MeCN, as calculated by the M06-2X/6-31G(d)/SMD method; hydrogen atoms are not shown, except those of the ammonium groups.

Table. Experimental and TDDFT calculated parameters of the S_0 – S_1 electronic transition of stilbene (*Z*)-1 and its complexes with cations.^a

Compound	$\lambda_{ m max}$	$\Delta \lambda_{ m max}$	\mathcal{E}_{\max}	$\lambda_{\rm calc}{}^{\rm b}$	$\Delta \lambda_{\rm calc}$	$f_{\rm calc}$
(Z)- 1	304		12600	304		0.70
$(Z)-1\cdot(\text{EtNH}_{3}^{+})_{2}$	301	3	12400	300.5	3.5	0.69
$(Z)-1 \cdot (Ba^{2+})_2$	300	4	12500			
(Z)-1·C2 ²⁺	280	24	12200	274.5	29.5	0.44

^a In MeCN, λ_{max} (nm) is the position of the absorption maximum, ε_{max} (M⁻¹ cm⁻¹) is the molar absorptivity at λ_{max} , $\Delta\lambda_{max} = \lambda_{max}$ (ligand) – λ_{max} (complex), λ_{calc} (nm) is the calculated wavelength of the S₀–S₁ transition, f_{calc} is the oscillator strength, $\Delta\lambda_{cal} = \lambda_{cal}$ (ligand) – λ_{cal} (complex).

^b The calculated S_0 – S_1 transition energies were corrected by a factor of 0.978.

Photochemical properties

1) The total quantum yield for the conversion of (*E*)-1 (φ_{tot})

$$\varphi_{\rm tot} = \varphi_{\rm PCA} + \varphi_{E-Z}$$



Figure. Spectrophotometric data on the stationary photolysis of complex $[(E)-1\cdot C2^{2+}]_2$ in MeCN with 365 nm light: (E)-1 3.4×10^{-4} M, $C2^{2+}2ClO_4^{-5}.4\times 10^{-4}$ M, ionic strength 0.01 M ($Bu_4N^+ClO_4^{-}$), 1 cm cell, light intensity 1.3×10^{-9} mol cm⁻² s⁻¹, irradiation time varied from 0 to 20 min. Inset: percentage of conversion of (E)-1 as a function of the irradiation time; the solid curve is from global fitting to a kinetic equation for irreversible unimolecular photoreactions.

Photochemical and thermal processes occurring during stationary irradiation of complexes $[(E)-1\cdot Cn^{2+}]_2$, n = 2-6, in MeCN with 365 nm light.



2) The concentration ratio of the two photoproducts for different percentages of conversion of (*E*)-1



Figure. *Black curves:* Absorption spectra of the photolysate samples (aliquots) taken after stationary irradiation of complex $[(E)-1\cdot C3^{2+}]_2$ (3.6×10⁻⁴ M, ionic strength 0.01 M) in MeCN with 365 nm light and then diluted by a MeCN solution of Ba(ClO₄)₂ (1×10⁻³ M); the irradiation intervals are 120–140 s; the resulting solutions contain three light-absorbing components, *viz.*, complexes (*E*)-1·(Ba²⁺)₂, (*Z*)-1·(Ba²⁺)₂, and $4\cdot (Ba^{2+})_4$. *Red curve:* Absorption spectrum of (*E*)-1·(Ba²⁺)₂.

Figure. Absorption spectra of complexes (E)- $1\cdot(Ba^{2+})_2(1)$, (Z)- $1\cdot(Ba^{2+})_2(2)$, and $4\cdot(Ba^{2+})_4(3)$ in MeCN.

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 λ , nm

 $R_{\rm C} = [4]/[(Z)-1] = \varphi_{\rm PCA}/\varphi_{E-Z}$

 $D(\lambda) = \varepsilon_{E}(\lambda) [E] l + \{ \varepsilon_{Z}(\lambda) + R_{C} \varepsilon_{cb}(\lambda) \} [Z] l$

where $\varepsilon_E(\lambda)$, $\varepsilon_Z(\lambda)$, and $\varepsilon_{cb}(\lambda)$ are the known molar absorptivities of complexes $(E)-1\cdot(Ba^{2+})_2$, $(Z)-1\cdot(Ba^{2+})_2$, and $4\cdot(Ba^{2+})_4$, respectively; [E] and [Z] are the concentrations of $(E)-1\cdot(Ba^{2+})_2$ and $(Z)-1\cdot(Ba^{2+})_2$; **12**

Table. Quantum yields of the PCA and E-Z photoisomerization reactions in complexes $[(E)-1 \cdot Cn^{2+}]_2$.^a

Compound	$arphi_{ m tot}$	$\varphi_{\rm PCA}$	φ_{E-Z}	
(<i>E</i>)-1			0.24	AND THE R. L. LANSING MICH.
$[(E)-1\cdot\mathbf{C2}^{2+}]_2$	0.33	0.27	0.06	
$[(E)-1\cdot\mathbf{C3}^{2+}]_2$	0.28	0.21	0.07	
$[(E)-1\cdot C4^{2+}]_2$	0.23	0.13	0.10	Complex
$[(E)-1\cdot C5^{2+}]_2$	0.12	0.02	0.10	spacers [2+2] PCA
$[(E)-1\cdot\mathbf{C6}^{2+}]_2$	0.14	0.02	0.12	E-Z photo- isomerization
$(E)-1\cdot(\mathrm{EtNH}_{3}^{+})_{2}$			0.26	

^a MeCN solution, irradiation with 365 nm light, the quantum yields are measured to within about $\pm 20\%$.

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1) Generally, the efficiency of photocycloaddition in pseudocyclic structures in solution is dependent not only on the spacing and orientation of the reacting bonds but also on other factors, such as steric strain in the pseudocycle. In the case of 2:2 complexes of (E)-bis(18-crown-6)stilbene, the spacing of the two olefinic bonds is likely to be the main factor affecting the photocycloaddition efficiency.

2) It was shown for the first time that the *Z* isomer of bis(18-crown-6)stilbene is able to form pseudocyclic 1:1 complexes even with very short alkanediammonium ions, such as 1,2-ethanediammonium ion. The peculiar spectral properties of these complexes arise from large torsion angles around the ethylene–benzocrown single bonds.

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