

Figure 3. Hypothetical model for binding of **1** in the presence of a specific metal ion ($M = \text{Ba}^{2+}$ or Sr^{2+}) to a ten base pair sequence 5'-TATAGGTTAA-3'.

tration indicates saturation binding. The decrease in cleavage efficiency above 10 mM Ba^{2+} may be due to displacement of **1-Fe(II)** from the DNA polyanion by the dication and/or competition for the EDTA moiety by Ba^{2+} .

For recognition of DNA by *N*-methylpyrrolicarboxamide we would expect that each dipeptide subunit of **1**, having three amide NHs, should bind to four contiguous A,T base pairs.^{12,13} The observed binding site, 5'-AATA-3' reveals that monomeric binding can be facilitated by the presence of Ba^{2+} or Sr^{2+} . The fact that monomeric binding is metalloregulated indicates that the free ligand **1** may be in a conformational state that is less competent to bind unless a specific metal ion is present. Moreover, the observed ten base pair binding site, 5'-TATAGGTTAA-3', suggests that the dipeptides of **1-Fe(II)** bind in a *dimeric mode* in the presence of Sr^{2+} or Ba^{2+} and produce an *additional* DNA-ion binding subunit specific for the central sequence, 5'-GG-3'. CPK models indicate that for a heptacoordinate pseudomacrocycle the lone pair electrons on the carboxamide oxygens anti to the metal coordination site may form hydrogen bonds with guanine N2 amino groups which protrude from the floor of the minor groove in right-handed double helical DNA¹⁴ (Figure 3).

In conclusion, addition of Sr^{2+} or Ba^{2+} converts **1-Fe(II)** from a species which produces little DNA cleavage to a sequence specific DNA binding/cleaving molecule. We have thus demonstrated metalloregulation in the sequence specific binding of a small synthetic molecule to DNA. The effect is metal-ion specific, occurring with the heavier alkaline earth cations. We cannot yet dissect the relative contributions of cation size, coordination number and "hardness" to the metal specificity.¹⁵ Ba^{2+} and Sr^{2+} are known to bind more strongly to 18-crown-6 in water than either the alkali metals or the lighter alkaline earth metals.⁸ Ba^{2+} is

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more effective than Sr^{2+} in producing sequence specific cleavage which is consistent with the greater affinity of Ba^{2+} for 18-crown-6 in water.⁸ Why Ba^{2+} and Sr^{2+} are more effective than Cd^{2+} is not understood but may be due to the "harder" cations having higher affinity for the phosphate backbone of DNA.¹⁶ Perhaps bound **1** in the minor groove of DNA creates a "cavity" for Sr^{2+} or Ba^{2+} , consisting of a neutral heptaoxamacrocycle capped on top and bottom by the phosphate oxygen anions on the neighboring DNA backbone. The observation of specific metal-ion dependent binding may be interpreted in terms of allosteric models in which complexation of Sr^{2+} or Ba^{2+} by **1** induces a change which allows monomeric binding and, at least at one DNA site, simultaneous binding of two subunits to form a crescent-shaped molecule complementary to the minor groove of DNA with dipeptides specific for (A,T)₄ flanking a podand/cation complex specific for (G,C)₂ (Figure 3).

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Metalation of Surfactant Porphyrins at Anionic Interfaces in Micelles and Reversed Micelles: Dramatic Effects of Chain Length and Atropisomer Structure on Reactivity

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Porphyrin metalation in solution has been well-studied; however, several mechanistic questions remain unresolved.¹⁻¹² Metalation in microheterogeneous media has been less investigated,¹³⁻²⁰ although its biological occurrence,²¹⁻²³ the amphiphilic character of most natural porphyrins, and metal ion-porphyrin solubility

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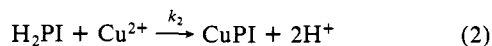
Table I. Observed and Microscopic Metalation Rate Constants for Picket Fence Porphyrins in Different Media^{a,b}

porphyrin		Cu ²⁺ incorporation rate constants in					
		9:1 DMF-H ₂ O ^c		AOT-heptane-water reversed micelles ^d			aqueous SDS ^e
		H ₂ TAc	H ₂ THex	H ₂ TAc	H ₂ THex	H ₂ THA	H ₂ TAc
[4,0]	<i>k</i> (obsd)	7.2 × 10 ⁻⁴	3.5 × 10 ⁻⁴	0.11	2.2	3.5	1.6 × 10 ⁻³
	<i>k</i> (mic) ^f			0.0047	0.098	0.16	1.6 × 10 ⁻⁵
[3,1]	<i>k</i> (obsd)	1.4 × 10 ⁻⁴		1.5	1.5	1.1	7.6 × 10 ⁻²
	<i>k</i> (mic) ^f			0.067	0.068	0.051	7.8 × 10 ⁻⁴
cis[2,2]	<i>k</i> (obsd)	1.0 × 10 ⁻⁴		12	0.57	0.25	1.5
	<i>k</i> (mic) ^f			0.54	0.026	0.011	1.5 × 10 ⁻²
trans[2,2]	<i>k</i> (obsd)	7.5 × 10 ⁻⁵		20	0.31	0.13	1.1
	<i>k</i> (mic) ^f			0.90	0.014	0.0060	1.1 × 10 ⁻²

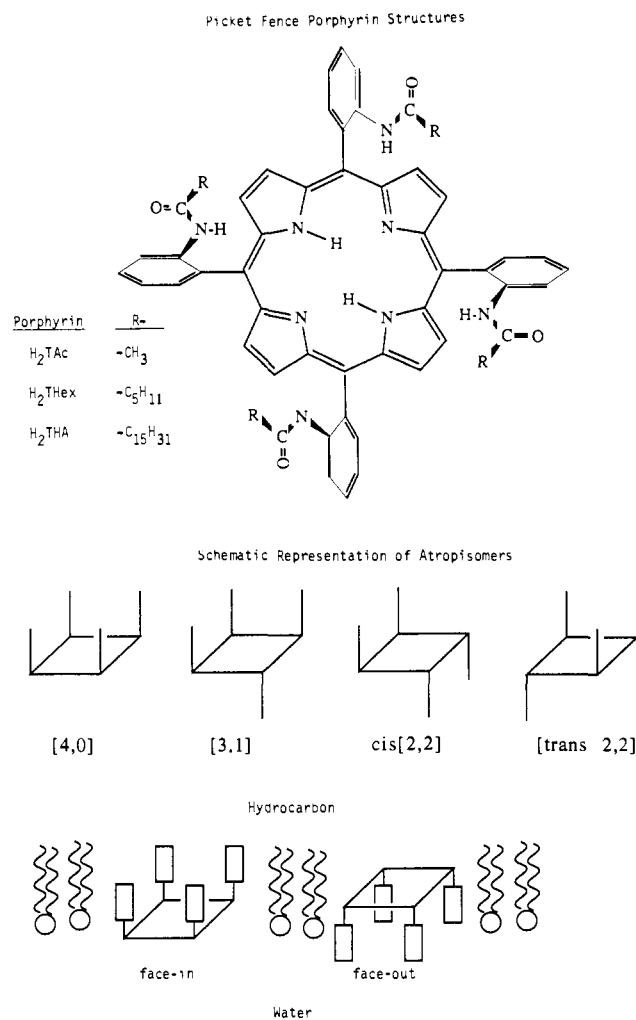
^a *T* = 25 °C; units are M⁻¹ s⁻¹ assuming reactions are first order in [Cu²⁺]. Preliminary investigations with [3,1] H₂TAc indicate that the calculated second-order rate constant decreases with increasing metal ion concentration in both microheterogeneous media studied. ^b H₂TPP metalated faster in homogeneous solution (*k*(H₂TPP)/*k*([4,0] H₂TAc) = 68.5) and slower in AOT reversed micelles (*k*(H₂TPP) = 1.22 × 10⁻⁴ M⁻¹ s⁻¹) than the ortho-substituted derivatives, probably due to partitioning into the bulk heptane. ^c [Cu(ClO₄)₂] = 0.15 M; [H₂P] = ~6 × 10⁻⁵ M; DMF was distilled and stored over sieves. Second-order rate constants for metalation of H₂TPP in homogeneous solution with Cu(ClO₄)₂ and CuSO₄ decreased with increasing Cu²⁺ concentration; however, with Cu(ClO₄)₂ the reaction was nearly first order in metal ion. ^d [AOT] = 0.25 M; [H₂O] = 2.5 M; bulk phase is heptane; [CuSO₄] = 0.0010 M; [H₂P] = ~2 × 10⁻⁶ M. AOT (sodium bis(2-ethylhexyl)sulfosuccinate) was obtained from Aldrich and purified according to ref 35. ^e [SDS] = 60 mM; [CuSO₄] = 7.5 mM in Milli-Q deionized water; [H₂P] = ~3 × 10⁻⁶ M; SDS was obtained from Bio-Rad Laboratories and recrystallized twice from absolute ethanol. ^f *k*(mic) is the microscopic metalation rate constant, calculated by dividing *k*(obsd) by the volume fraction of water added to the reversed micelle or by using the micelle volume fraction calculated from a 16-Å-radius SDS micelle.

disparities make it an appealing subject. A particularly attractive series of porphyrins for mechanistic studies are the sets of atropisomers of "picket fence" porphyrins (Scheme I) in which the alkyl group of the tetracarboxamide is varied.²⁴ Herein we report studies of Cu²⁺ incorporation into different porphyrins in Aerosol OT (AOT) reversed micelles and sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) micelles and a comparison of reactivity at these anionic interfaces with homogeneous solution. Noteworthy results include marked enhancements for the surfactant solutions in both overall and "microscopic" rates and remarkable differences in reactivity compared to homogeneous solution for different compounds as well as for individual atropisomers.

The different "sets" of atropisomers studied most extensively are those of the acetamido (H₂TAc), hexanamido (H₂THex), and hexadecanamido (H₂THA) picket fence porphyrins in which the alkyl chains extend 1, 5, and 15 carbons beyond the carboxyl group. In addition, metalation of several intermediate-length amides has been studied for [4,0] atropisomers.²⁵ Metalation of these porphyrins in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) or 9:1 DMF-water proceeds with rates similar to those reported for related porphyrins under comparable conditions;²⁶ the relative order is [4,0] > [3,1] > cis[2,2] > trans[2,2]. Much more rapid metalation occurs when Cu²⁺ and porphyrin amides are cosolubilized in AOT-heptane-water reversed micelles (Table I).²⁷ Since these solutions consist of three discrete phases under the experimental conditions and the porphyrins and Cu²⁺ are essentially insoluble in the respective aqueous and heptane phases, it is reasonable to assume that metalation occurs at the surfactant-water interface according to eq 1 and 2. If equilibration



between the continuous (heptane) phase and interface is rapid and all of the porphyrin is associated with the interface, a limiting rate = *k*₂[H₂P]₀[Cu²⁺], independent of the reversed micelle concentration, is predicted. Studies of [4,0] H₂TAc and trans[2,2] H₂TAc show that this limiting case has been attained under the conditions used, and thus for these atropisomers, for which a very

Scheme I

large difference in reactivity is observed, the variation is solely due to differences in *k*₂. These rate constants show accelerations of 150- and (2.7 × 10⁵)-fold compared to homogeneous (9:1 DMF-water) solution; correcting *k*₂ for the concentrating effect of the reversed micelle still leads to a 6.6-fold acceleration for [4,0] H₂TAc and a factor of 12 000 for trans[2,2] H₂TAc.

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there is a small and smooth decrease (total ca. 40%) in rate as the chain length is reduced from 15 to 5 carbons; as the alkyl chain length further decreases there is a much sharper decrease, which is most pronounced in the series R = 3, 2, 1 ($k_{\text{obsd}} = 0.68, 0.33,$ and $0.11 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, respectively). In contrast, reactivity of trans[2,2] and cis[2,2] atropisomers increases sharply with decrease in chain length while reactivity of the [3,1] atropisomers remains nearly constant. Thus, overall reactivity of a series follows the "normal" solution order for H₂T_HA and H₂T_HEx atropisomers but the reactivity sequence is exactly reversed for H₂T_AC in reversed micelles. A limited study of metalation of H₂T_AC atropisomers in SDS micelles shows trends similar to those for reversed micelles;²⁸ rates slightly slower than those in the reversed micelle are measured and the order is cis[2,2] ~ trans[2,2] > [3,1] > [4,0].²⁹ Thus, overall reactivity of all atropisomers is enhanced (Table I) relative to homogeneous solution, even after correcting for the concentrating effect of the microheterogeneous medium.

The striking changes in reactivity for metalation of different porphyrins in anionic surfactant media must be associated with the presence and reactivity of the reagents at an anionic interface. Enhanced reactivity of the porphyrin in general can be attributed to an effective augmentation of its basicity; similar increases have been observed for neutral bases in other studies.^{31,32} Preliminary studies using the H₂T_AC isomers in SDS indicate good correlation of porphyrin basicity with reactivity toward Cu²⁺. To explain the striking differences between reactivity of atropisomers as the length of the alkyl chain is varied, we propose that a major factor for [4,0] atropisomers can be attributed to a change in preferred orientation. For these isomers two limiting orientations with respect to the aqueous phase at the interface, "face-in" and "face-out", may be defined as shown in Scheme I. When the "pickets" are long alkyl chains we expect the more hindered face to be strongly hydrophobic such that a "face-in" orientation should be favored; here it is reasonable that metalation should be quite rapid. When the pickets are shorter chain carboxamide groups, their hydrophilicity should increase, favoring the "face-out" orientation. This should lead not only to a decrease in reactivity as the chain length is decreased for the [4,0] isomers but to a reversal in the normal order among atropisomers. For trans[2,2] and cis[2,2] atropisomers the above-described orientations are degenerate and other configurations may be of lower energy; increases in reactivity as the chain length decreases could be most simply ascribed to an internal reduction in steric hindrance. For the [3,1] atropisomers it is reasonable that changes in "face-in"–"face-out" equilibria similar to that proposed for the [4,0] and a variation in the steric effect play nearly offsetting roles in maintaining an overall constant reactivity through the series.

In summary, the present results demonstrate striking net effects which can be obtained by the interplay of hydrophobic and steric interactions for reactions at interfaces in microheterogeneous media. The control of reactivity by a charged interface observed in these studies shows a clear relationship to the topological control of thermal and photochemical reactivity observed for quite different processes.^{33,34} Further studies of other metalation reactions are under way.

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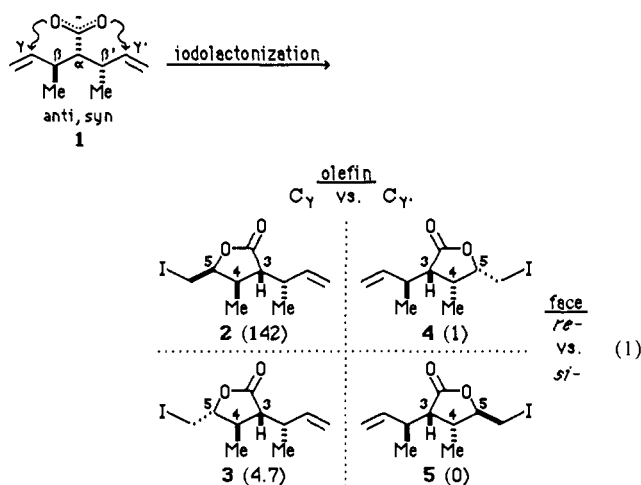
Double Diastereoselection in the Iodolactonization of 1,6-Heptadien-4-carboxylic Acids¹

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Synthetic strategies employing reactions which selectively engage one of two diastereotopic functional groups provide a unique exploitation of molecular symmetry. Notable examples of this concept include Hoyer's kinetic hydroxyazelaic acid lactonization² and Schreiber's thermodynamic trihydroxynonanone spiroketalization.³ We describe here the efficient stereoselective functionalization of heptadienoate **1** via its iodolactonization, a transformation which proceeds with concomitant group and face selectivity. Consider the four isomeric iodolactones possible from iodolactonization of **1**: **2** and **3** versus **4** and **5** reflects diastereotopic olefin selectivity (i.e., group selectivity) and **2** and **4** versus **3** and **5** reflects diastereotopic re versus si selectivity (i.e., face selectivity). A preponderance of one product would thus evidence concomitant group and face selectivity.



It is noteworthy that Bartlett's pioneering iodolactonization studies⁴ suggested significant potential for the thermodynamic cyclization of **1** (e.g., 10:1 thermodynamic selectivity with 3-methylpent-4-enoic acid)^{4a} but offered little encouragement with regard to the kinetic cyclization of **1** (e.g., 3:1 kinetic selectivity with 3-methylpent-4-enoic acid).^{4a} Moreover, at the outset the question of olefin selectivity was a matter of conjecture as there were no previous reports of diastereotopic olefin selectivity in this type of transformation.

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