

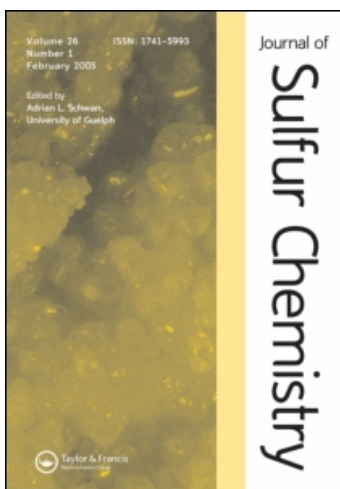
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# SULFUR-CONTAINING MACROHETEROCYCLES

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Synthetic methods for, and structural and spectroscopic characteristics of sulfur-containing macroheterocycles are discussed. The synthesis of oligothiamacrocyloalkanes is based on the reaction of  $\alpha,\omega$ -dihaloalkanes with alkali  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedithiolates to form 12-42-membered macroheterocycles with 2-6 sulfur atoms in the ring. Oxathiamacrocyloalkanes containing sulfur and oxygen atoms in the ring have been prepared by reaction of aromatic 1,2-dithiols or 2-mercaptophenols with aliphatic  $\alpha,\omega$ -dihalo derivatives. The synthesis of thiamacrocyloalkanes involves the reaction of dimethyl ethers or  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedicarboxylic acid dichlorides with  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanediamines followed by reduction of the macroheterocyclic diamides with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  or  $\text{B}_2\text{H}_6$ . Oxathiazamacrocyloalkanes have been prepared in a similar way by reaction of dicarboxylic acid dichlorides with  $\alpha,\omega$ -oxaalkanediamines as well as by reaction of chlorosulfonyl- $\beta$ -lactams with glycols.

A general synthetic route to oligothiacyclophanes is the reaction of bis-(bromomethyl) substituted arenes with bis-(mercaptomethyl)benzenes. Analogously, sulfur-containing cyclopyridinophanes have been prepared by reaction of 2,6-bis(bromomethyl)pyridine with  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedithiols. For the synthesis of macrocyclic compounds containing one, two, or several thiophene rings, some procedures based on intra- and intermolecular acylation of  $\omega$ -thienylalkanecarboxylic acid chlorides, acyloin condensation of 2,5-bis(carbalkoxyalkyl)thiophenes, and intramolecular alkylation of  $\omega$ -haloalkyl substituted  $\beta$ -keto esters of the thiophene series have been developed.

Synthetic routes to macroheterocycles containing di- and polysulfide groups are discussed. The synthesis involves sulfurization of mesitylene or 1,3-dimethoxybenzene with disulfur dichloride or sulfur dichloride as well as the oxidation of dithiols.

The synthesis of bi- and trimacrocylic compounds is based on the reaction of 1,3,5-tris(mercaptoalkyl)benzenes with tris(bromoalkyl)-methanes or 1,3,5-tris[4-(mercaptomethyl)phenyl]-benzene with 1,3,5-tris-[4-(bromomethyl)phenyl] benzene.

Some methods for the synthesis of sulfur-containing macroheterocycles containing silicon, tellurium, or iron are considered.

The structures of the sulfur-containing macroheterocycles are discussed using the results of X-ray diffraction,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, IR, and UV spectroscopy as well as their electroconductive and magnetic properties.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The chemistry of macrocyclic compounds took its beginning more than half a century ago. It was pioneered by Ružička who synthesized macrocyclic ketones to elucidate the nature of the active principle of musk-smelling substances.<sup>1-4</sup> Further development of this interesting field of organic chemistry was promoted by investigations carried out by Ziegler,<sup>5-9</sup> Hansly,<sup>10</sup> Prelog,<sup>11</sup> Stoll,<sup>12,13</sup> Shemyakin,<sup>14-16</sup> and others<sup>17-20</sup> in 1930-1960.

At present the chemistry of macrocyclic compounds is developing rather vigorously. This is due to the wide possibilities found recently of the application of macrocyclic compounds in not only organic synthesis, but in biology, medicine, and engineering as well.<sup>21-23</sup> Much attention has been drawn to the synthesis of catenanes and rotaxanes, crown ethers and cryptands, cyclophanes, ansa compounds, annulenes, etc. Natural macroheterocyclic compounds are of concern as well. Investigations of natural macroheterocycles such as peptides, depsipeptides, and depsides have re-

vealed the ability of these compounds to form stable complexes with alkali and alkali earth metal ions and to transport these cations through artificial and biological membranes. Such compounds are called membrano-active complexones or ionophores.<sup>21</sup> The development of the chemistry of synthetic macroheterocyclic complexones is related to the possibility of preparing compounds analogous to natural macroheterocycles, which may be regarded as simplified models of natural macroheterocyclic ionophores. Some synthetic macroheterocyclic complexones have been obtained by different groups of scientists.<sup>24-29</sup> However, more intensive studies have been stimulated by work of Pedersen dealing with the synthesis and investigation of the complexation of macroheterocyclic polyethers with salts of alkali and alkali earth metals.<sup>30</sup> Recent monographs<sup>21-23,31,32</sup> and reviews, both general<sup>33</sup> and dedicated to certain classes of macroheterocycles such as ethers,<sup>34</sup> esters,<sup>35</sup> amines,<sup>36</sup> sulfides,<sup>37,38</sup> heterocyclophanes,<sup>39</sup> and others,<sup>40-43</sup> have provided strong evidence for the vigorous development of the chemistry of macroheterocycles. Among all the above compounds the macroheterocyclic systems containing sulfur heteroatoms in the heteroring are of special interest. Of two reviews<sup>37,38</sup> concerning these compounds, one is out of date and the other is in Russian and hardly accessible to the English-speaking reader.

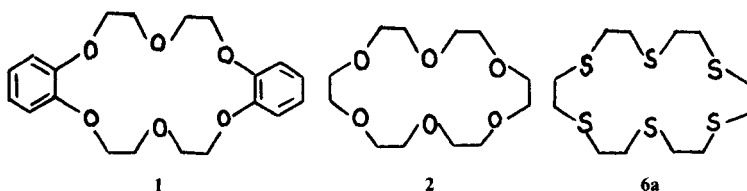
The present review summarizes as exhaustively as possible the literature concerning sulfur-containing macroheterocyclic compounds through 1983.

## II. SYNTHESIS OF SULFUR-CONTAINING MACROHETEROCYCLES

### 1. Monocyclic Systems

#### 1.1. Oligothiamacrocyaloalkanes

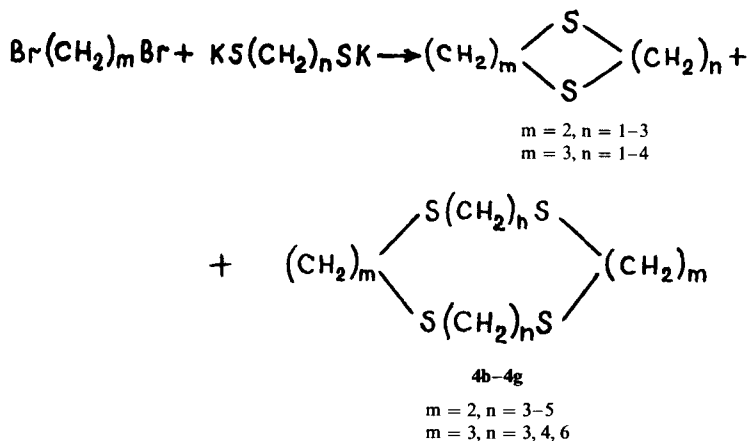
In 1967 Pedersen synthesized aromatic macroheterocyclic polyethers of type 1 and named them crown ethers.<sup>30</sup> He also found that these compounds form stable complexes with cations of alkali and alkali earth metals, ammonium, and silver. Crown ethers are prepared by reaction of 1,2-dihydroxyarenes with the corresponding  $\alpha,\omega$ -dihalo derivatives in refluxing 1-butanol in the presence of alkali hydroxides. The yields reach up to 62%.



Instead of  $\alpha,\omega$ -dihaloalkanes, the corresponding ditosyl derivatives may be used from which heterocyclic polyethers 2 are obtained in 45% yield.<sup>44-47</sup> The high yields of crown ethers are explained by a "template" ("matrix") effect caused by coordination of the alkali metal ion with oxygen atoms during the polyether cyclization. Under similar conditions, oligothiamacrocyaloalkanes are formed from  $\alpha,\omega$ -dithiols in only negligible yield (less than 2%).<sup>48</sup> This is due to the absence of the "template" effect owing to

the weak affinity of sulfur to alkali ions.<sup>49</sup> Thus, the 18-membered 1,4,7,10,13,16-hexathiacyclooctadecane **6a** was prepared by reaction of 1,2-ethanedithiol with 1,2-dibromoethane in 1.4% yield.<sup>50,51</sup>

The reaction of  $\alpha,\omega$ -dihaloalkanes with alkali  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedithiolates affords dithiacycloalkanes, their dimers (tetrathiamacrocyclanes) **4b-4g**, or linear polymers.<sup>50</sup> The condensation product ratio depends on the chain length of the starting reactants and the reaction conditions.



1,2-Ethanedithiol and 1,3-propanedithiol react with dichloromethane, 1,2-dibromoethane, and 1,3-dibromopropane to form mainly 5-, 6-, and 7-membered heterocycles. The reaction of 1,2-ethanedithiol or 1,3-propanedithiol with 1,4-dibromobutane, 1,5-dibromopentane, or 1,6-dibromohexane gives the dimeric compounds (tetrathiamacrocyclanes) **4b-4g** (Table 1). In this case, however, the yields of

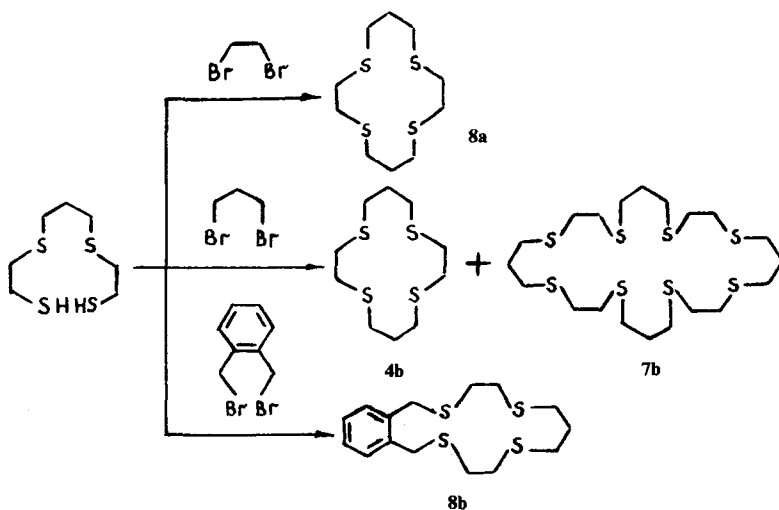


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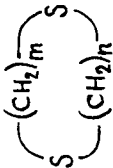
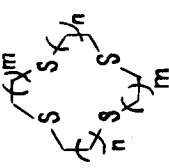
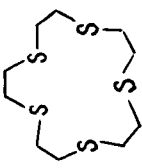
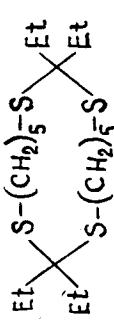
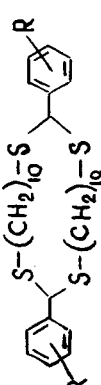
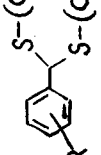
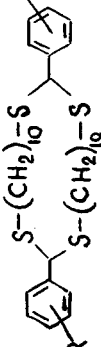
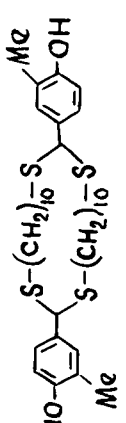
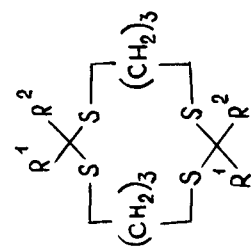
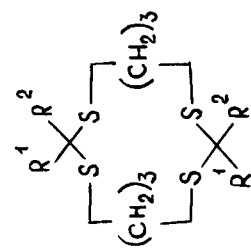
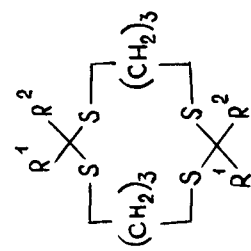
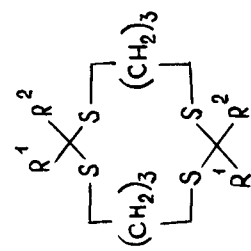
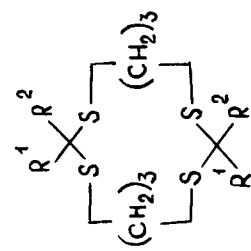
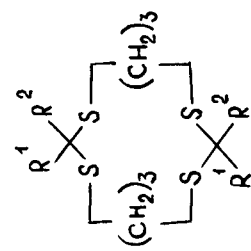
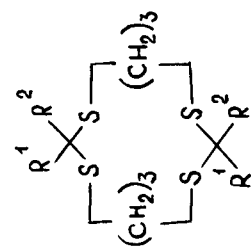
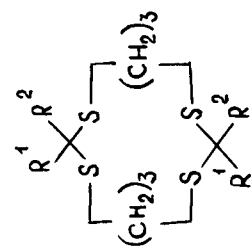
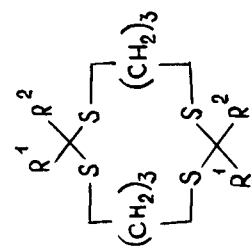
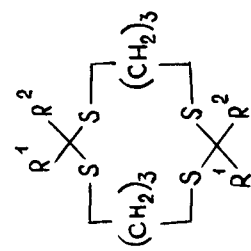
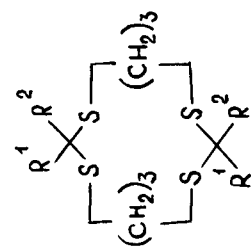
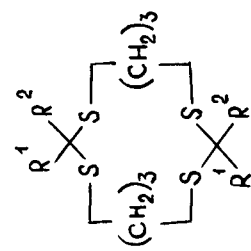
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	1 2		7a 7b	64-65	97	49 54-56,65
			8a 8b			54-56 54-56
	5 7 9 10		9a 9b 9c 9d		52	70-72 68,69 68,69 68,69

	10	52	70-72
	11a		68, 69
	11b		68, 69
	11c		68, 69
	12		68, 69
	13a	119-120	73
	13b		73
	13c		73
	13d		73
	13e		73
	14a	248-249	70-72
	14b	266	70-72
	14c	219-220	70-72
	14d	262-264	70-72
	14e	251-252	70-72
	14f	169	70-72
	14g	233	70-72

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m-NO<sub>2</sub>

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R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = Me  
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R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = Et

H  
p-Me  
m-Me  
p-OH  
m-OH  
m-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>COO  
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		$R^1 = H, R^2 = o-C_6H_4Me$	15d			73
		$R^1 = R^2 = Me$	15e	249-250	35	73
		$R^1 = Me, R^2 = Et$	15f	177-180	28	73
		$R^1 = Me, R^2 = Ph$	15g	218-220	25	73
		$R^1 = R^2 = Et$	15h	206-207	69	73
		$R^1 = H, R^2 = Ph$	16a	239-240	65	73
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			17	129.5	28.5	74

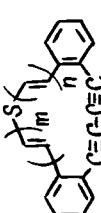
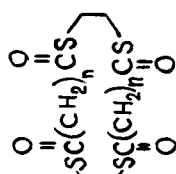
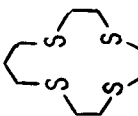
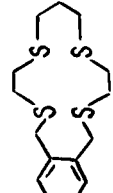
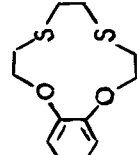
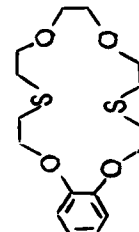
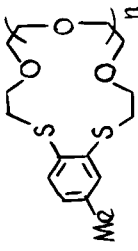
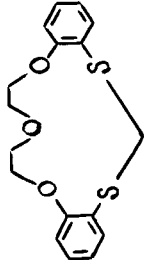
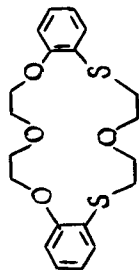
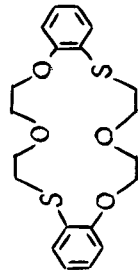
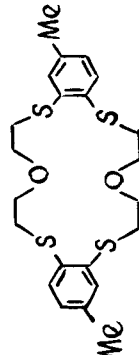
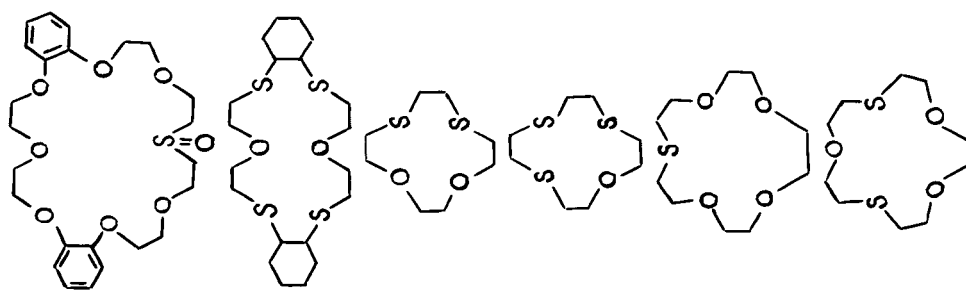
						
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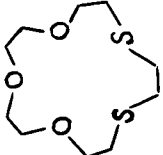
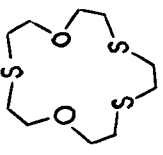
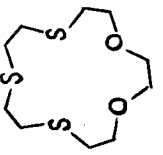
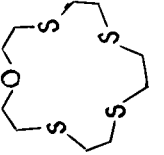
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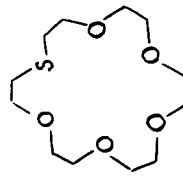
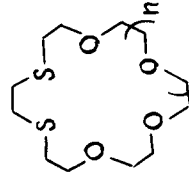
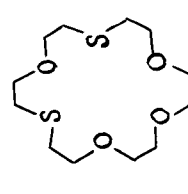
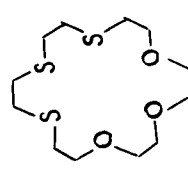
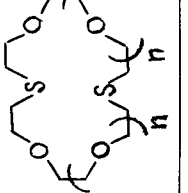
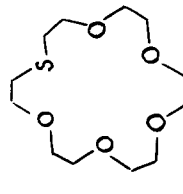
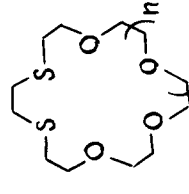
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	2		25	oil	56	78,79
			26	150-153	3	78,79
			27	143-144	15	78,79
			28	114-115	5	78,79
			29	147	6	78,79



30	133	33	78
31	oil	30	78,79
32	20-24	19	82
33	89-90	26	82
34	oil	29	82
35	oil	27	82

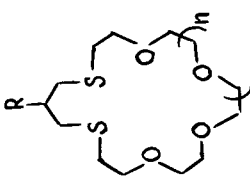
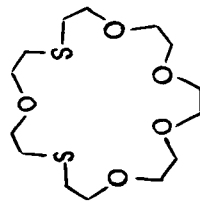
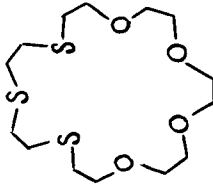
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			36	51-52	20	82
			37	oil	5	81
			38	43-44	41	81
			39	93-95	13	81

	40	oil	36	81
	41a	54-56	28	81
	41b	oil	5	80
	42	oil	29	81
	43	oil	11	81
	44a	90-91	12	82,84
	44b	oil	1	80

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Compound	m, n	Substituents	Compd. No.	Mp. [bp (mm)], °C	Yield, %	Ref.
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	1	H	45a	oil	24	80
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			46	oil	25	81
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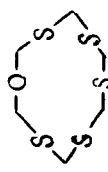
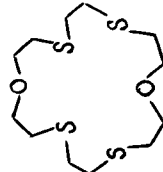
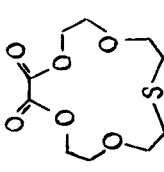
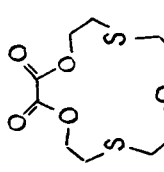
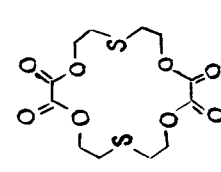
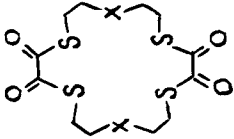
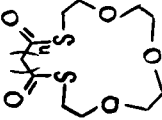
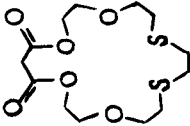
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	49	89-90	1.7	50
	50	88-90	5.7	88
	51	45	7.7	88
	52	195-203	14	88



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Compound	m, n	Substituents	Compd. No.	Mp. [bp (mm)], °C	Yield, %	Ref.
	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
		O	53a	207-210	67	88
		S	53b	108-109	62	88
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	2		55b	oil	80	85

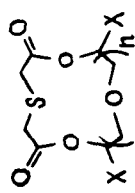
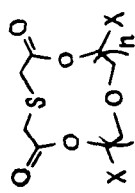
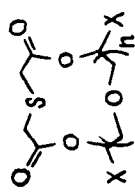
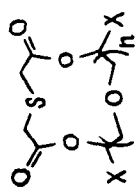
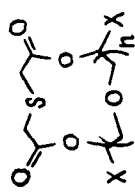
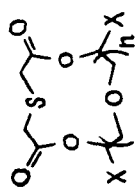
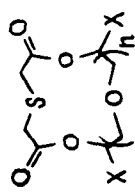
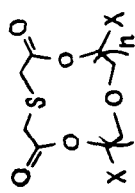
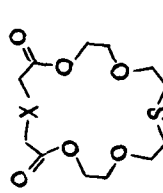
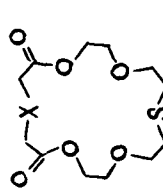
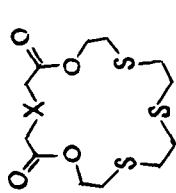
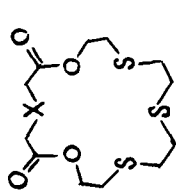
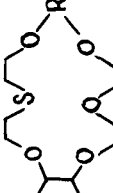

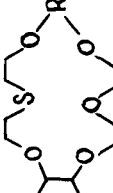
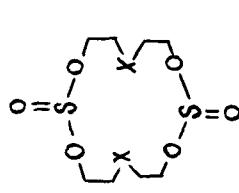
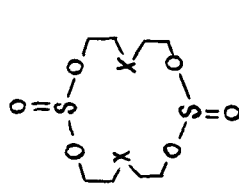
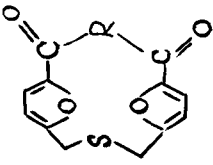

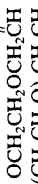
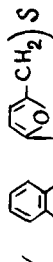
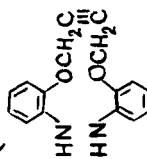
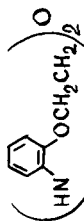
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	4	H	56d	204 (0.2)	23.1	86
	1	Et	56e	96.5-97.5	6	89
	2	Et	56f	121.5-122.5	20	89
	3	Et	56g	[184-195 (1.3)]	34	89
	4	Et	56h	[180-181 (1.5)]	53	89
		O	57a	113.5-115	35	86
		S	57b	106-107	11	86
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		S	58b	oil	31	86
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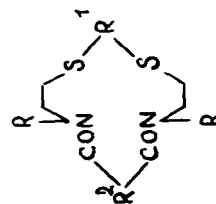
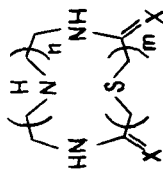
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		[O(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>6</sub> O	61e	218-219	36	95
		[O(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>8</sub> S	61f	200-201	57	95
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		OCH(Me)CH(Me)O	61p	205-206	50	95
		OCH(Me)CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> O	61q	214-215	65	95
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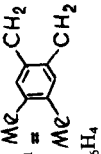
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		<p>R = H, R<sup>1</sup> = Ph, X = CO  R = R<sup>1</sup> = H, X = SO<sub>2</sub>  R = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOMe, R<sup>1</sup> = Ph  X = CO</p>	65a 65b 65c	oil	60 65	113 113

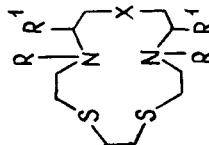


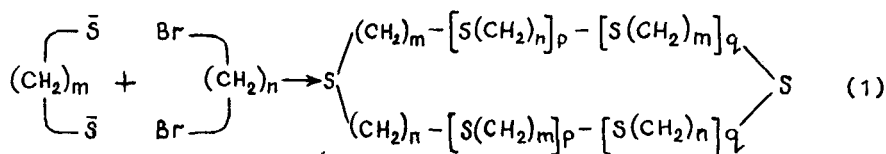


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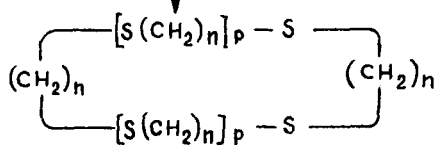
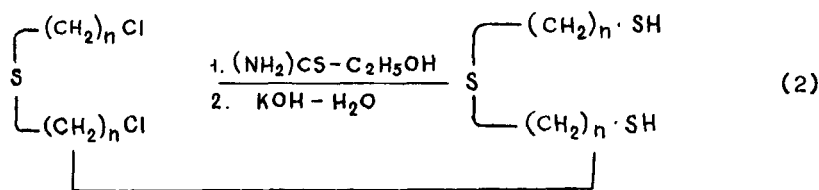
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			73	64	18	111
		O H <sub>2</sub>	74a 74b	158 oil	45	112 112

tetrathiamacrocyloalkanes do not exceed 1.8%. The formation of medium sized rings is not observed in the above reactions. A high dilution of the reaction mixture has allowed the method for preparing oligothiamacrocyloalkanes to be modified.<sup>52</sup> Thus, in the reaction of 1,6-dibromohexane or 1,10-dibromodecane with 1,6-hexanedithiol, 1,8-octanedithiol, or 1,10-decanedithiol with large excess of solvent the yields of the corresponding dithiamacrocyloalkanes **3b–3e** reach 41–69% (Table 1). Under analogous conditions, thia-18-crown-6 (**6a**) was obtained in 31% yield.<sup>53</sup> The oligothiamacrocyloalkanes **7b**, **8a**, and **8b** have been prepared by reaction of 3,7-dithia-1,9-nonanedithiol with the corresponding  $\alpha,\omega$ -dibromoalkanes.<sup>54–56</sup>

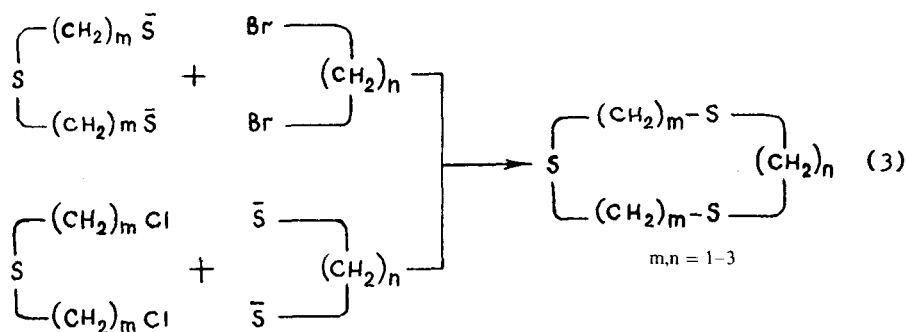
General synthetic routes to oligothiamacrocyloalkanes suggested by Okhrimovych *et al.*<sup>49,58</sup> are presented in Scheme 1.



$$m, n = 3-5, p, q = 0, 1$$



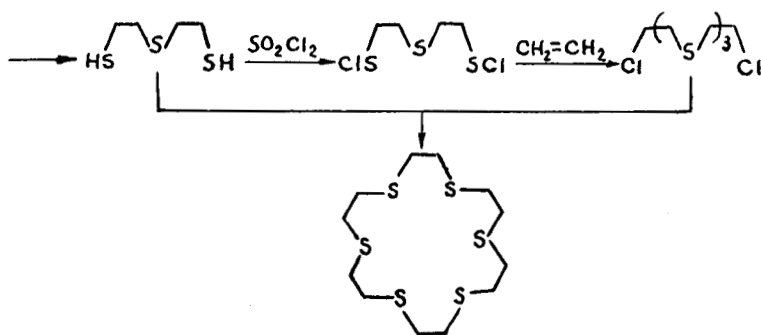
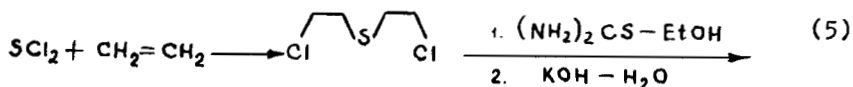
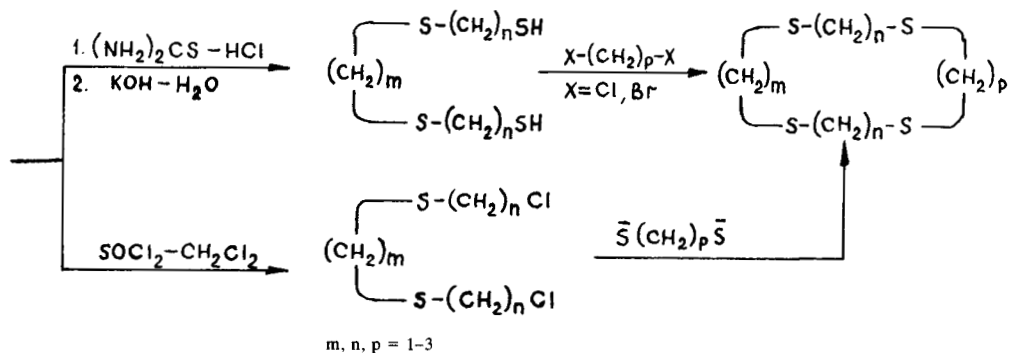
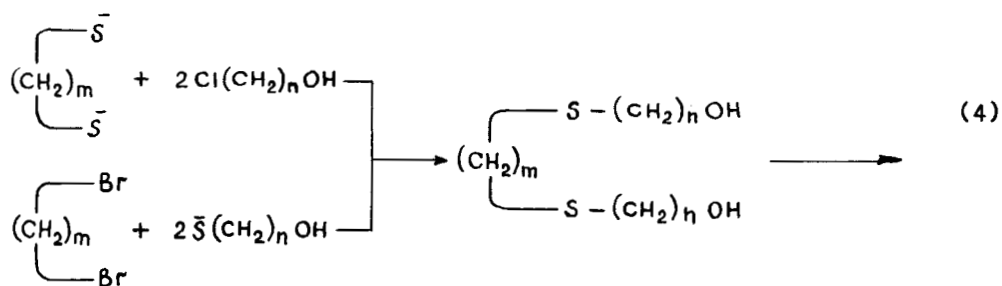
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$$m, n = 1-3$$

SCHEME 1

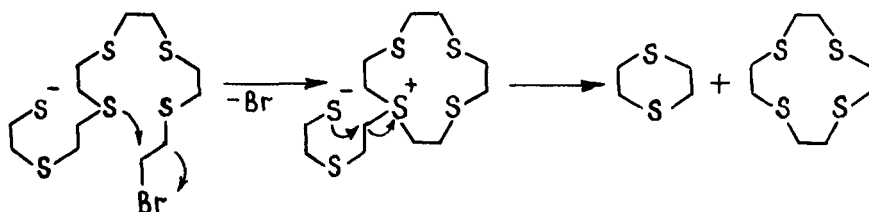




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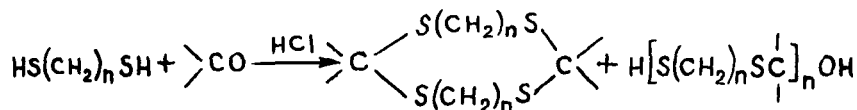
Method (1) is most suitable for the synthesis of tetrathia- and hexathiacycloalkanes with the sulfur atoms separated by tetra- and pentamethylene bridges. At the same time, methods (3) and (5) lead to the highest yields of oligothiamacrocyloalkanes consisting of alternating SCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> groups. Along with 1,4,7,10,13,16-

hexathiacyclocladecane (*6a*) reactions (1) and (3) give, quite unexpectedly, 1,4-dithiane and 1,4,7,10-tetrathiacyclododecane *4a*. This is explained by the formation of a cyclic sulfonium ion due to intramolecular cyclization.<sup>49</sup>



Use of the methods (2), (4), and (5) minimizes the amount of by-products. The compounds *3a*, *3b*, *4a-4c*, and *4h-7a*, synthesized by these methods, are shown in Table 1. The effect of the ring size and structure in these compounds as well as the solvent effect on the complexation with  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  have been discussed.<sup>59-63</sup> The possible application of oligothiamacrocyloalkanes as extractants of silver and mercury salts has been studied.<sup>64-67</sup>

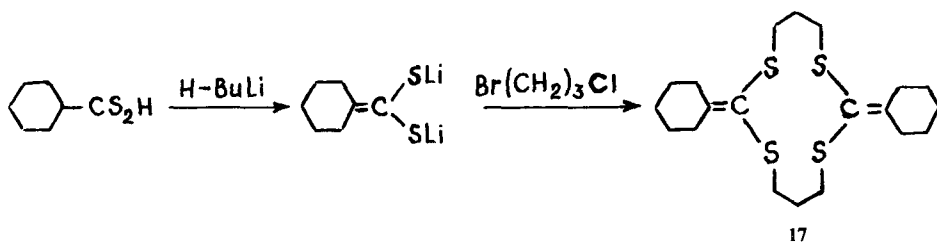
In the presence of acid catalysts  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedithiols react rapidly, but irreproducibly, with carbonyl compounds to form either macroheterocyclic dimercaptals and dimercaptols or linear polymers.



In this way, 20-, 24-, and 26-membered macroheterocycles have been prepared from 1,7-hexane-, 1,9-nonane-, and 1,10-decanedithiol. Acetone, benzaldehyde, *m*-nitrobenzaldehyde, and vanillin have been used as carboxylic compounds. The yields of the macroheterocycles *9b-9d*, *11a-12* were 48-98.9%. No polymeric products are formed in this case. However, the use of benzaldehyde diethyl acetal and *p*-chlorobenzaldehyde diethyl acetal instead of the corresponding aldehydes leads to polymers in 69.5 and 60% yield, respectively.<sup>68,69</sup>

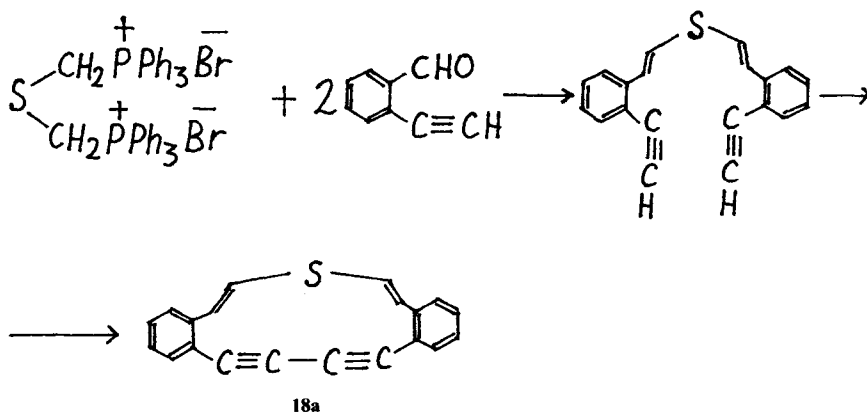
The 16-membered sulfur-containing heterocycles *9a* and *10* have been obtained in 52% yield by reaction of 1,5-pentanedithiol with acetone or diethyl ketone. The reaction of 1,4-bis-(mercaptomethyl)benzene with aromatic aldehydes leads to the macrocyclic aromatic mercaptals *14a-14g*. For the synthesis of the latter a mixture of dithiol and a carbonyl compound was treated with gaseous hydrogen chloride in the absence of solvent. In this case the yields of the end products were irreproducible. Later on this reaction was carried out in ether solution.<sup>73</sup> The reaction proceeds more efficiently in the presence of boron trifluoride etherate or methanolic sulfuric acid as catalyst.

2,8-Bis(cyclohexylidene)-1,3,7,9-tetrathiacyclododecane *17* has been prepared from cyclohexanedithiocarboxylic acid.<sup>74</sup>

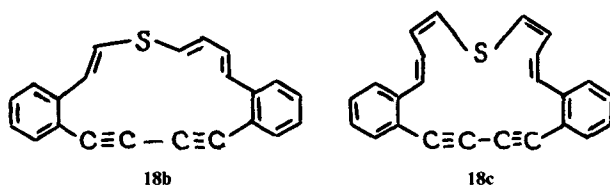


The yields and melting points of the oligothiamacrocycloalkanes *9a-17* are presented in Table 1.

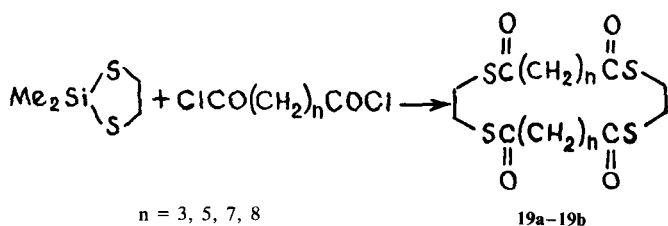
A number of sulfur-containing annulenes *18a-18c* have been prepared by oxidative coupling of bis-[(2-ethynylphenyl)-vinyl] sulfide and its vinyl analogs.<sup>76,77</sup> Thus, the reaction of bis-[(triphenylphosphonia)methyl] sulfide dibromide with *o*-ethynylbenzaldehyde gives the corresponding diethynyl derivative, the oxidation of which in the presence of copper acetate in pyridine leads to the macroheterocycle *18a*.



Compounds *18b* and *18c* have been obtained in a similar manner (Table 1).

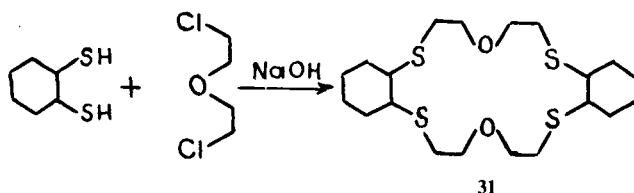


The synthesis of the macroheterocyclic thiolactones *19a-19d* was performed using the reaction of 2,2-dimethyl-2-sila-1,3-dithiacyclopentane with  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedicarboxylic acids dichlorides<sup>75</sup> (Table 1).



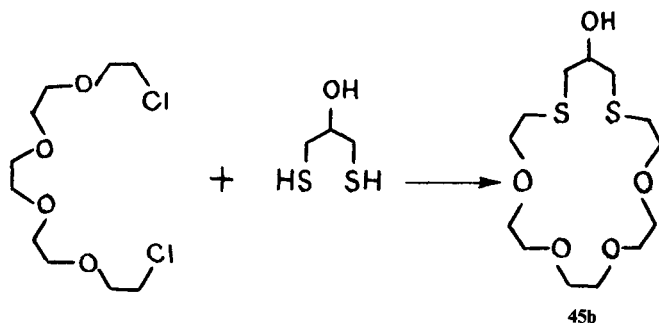
### 1.2. Oxathiamacrocyaloalkanes

Crown ethers containing ring sulfur atoms along with oxygen atoms were first described by Pedersen.<sup>78,79</sup> This author also showed that the substitution of oxygen atoms by sulfur atoms weakens the complexing ability of crown ethers towards potassium and sodium ions and increases that toward silver ions. Thiacycrown ethers were prepared by cyclization of aromatic 1,2-dithiols or *o*-mercaptophenol with aliphatic  $\alpha,\omega$ -dihalo derivatives. For the synthesis of the above compounds the reaction of *o*-dihaloarenes with  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedithiols was also used. *trans*-1,2-Cyclohexanedithiol reacts with  $\beta,\beta'$ -dichlorodiethyl ether analogously to aromatic 1,2-dithiols to form 2,8,15,21-tetrathia-5,18-dioxatricyclo[20.4.0.0<sup>9,14</sup>]hexacosane **31**.

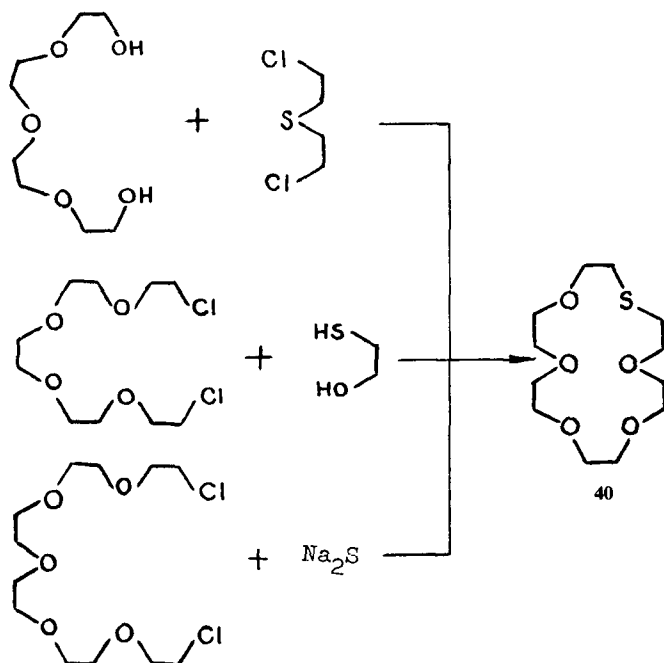


The yields and melting points of the thiacycrown ethers **22-31** synthesized are given in Table 1.

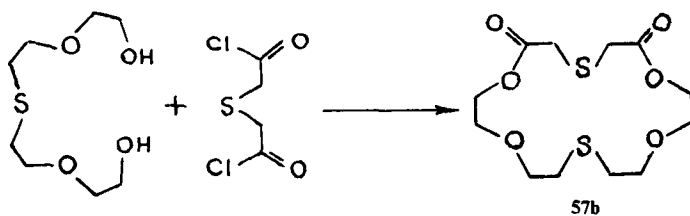
For the synthesis of thiacycrown ethers the reaction of  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedithiols with  $\alpha,\omega$ -dichlorooligoethylene glycols was used. For example, the macroheterocycle **45b** was obtained in 8% yield by cyclization of 1,14-dichloro-3,6,9,12-tetraoxatetradecane with 1,3-dimercapto-2-propanol.<sup>80</sup>



The reactions of sodium sulfide and 2-mercaptoethanol with bis(2-chloroethyl) ether and bis(2-chloroethyl) ethers of oligoethylene glycols as well as that of bis(2-chloroethyl) sulfide with oligoethylene glycols are of synthetic interest<sup>81-84</sup> (compounds 32-49, Table 1).



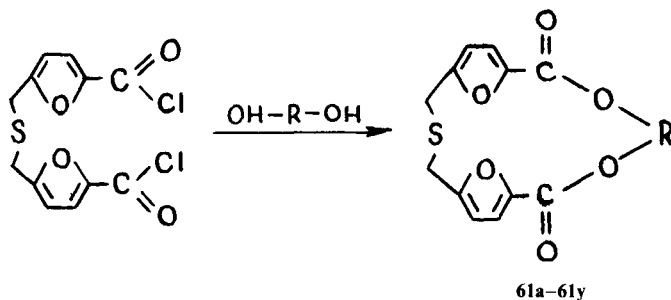
The reaction of oligoethylene thioglycols or  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedithiols with aliphatic  $\alpha,\omega$ -dicarboxylic acid dichlorides (oxalic, malonic, succinic, and 3-thiaglutaric) gave under high dilution over twenty thiacroton ethers containing ester groups in the ring.<sup>85-89</sup>



Earlier the interest in macrocyclic lactones was caused first of all by the possibility of their application as fragrant substances in perfumery.<sup>35</sup> Nowadays, due to the discovery of a natural macrocyclic antibiotic, valinomycin, containing CO groups in the ring and displaying a unique complexing ability towards alkali ions,<sup>21</sup> these compounds have attracted much attention as complexing agents. They possess a very

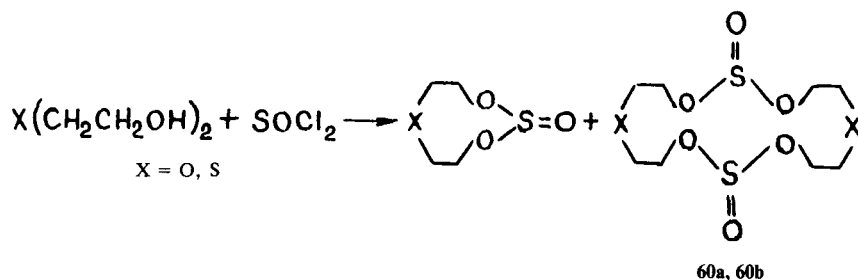
high complexing ability for ions of alkali and alkali earth metals. Isostructural sulfur-containing macroheterocycles also form complexes with  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Rb}^+$ ,  $\text{Cs}^+$ , and  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ <sup>90-93</sup> (compounds 50-59b, Table 1).

A series of sulfur-containing macroheterocycles have been synthesized from difurfuryl sulfide 5,5'-dicarboxylic dichloride as the key compound.<sup>95-97</sup> Various diols (pyrocatechol, resorcinol, hydroquinone, mono- and triethylene glycol, 2,2-dimethyl-3-oxa-1,5-pentanediol, *cis*- and *trans*-2-butene-1,4-diol, and 2-butyne-1,4-diol) as well as 1,2-ethanedithiol were used as the second reagent (compounds 61a-61y, Table 1).



The reaction is carried out in refluxing *N,N*-dimethylformamide in the presence of lithium hydride. The yields of macroheterocycles amount to 11-77%.

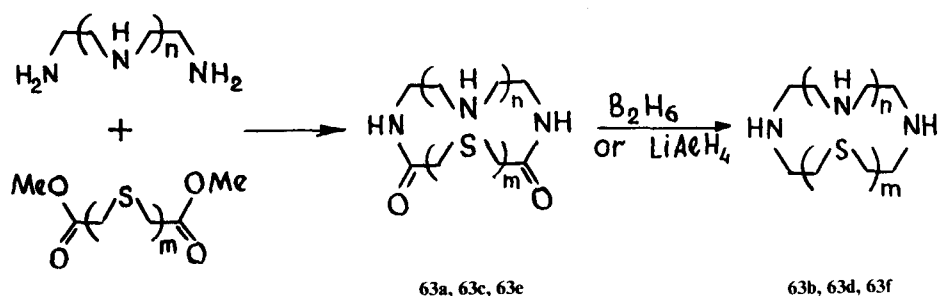
The cyclization of diethylene glycol or thiodiglycol with thionyl chloride leads to the medium- and macroheterocycles 60a and 60b.<sup>94</sup>



### 1.3. Thiazamacrocycloalkanes

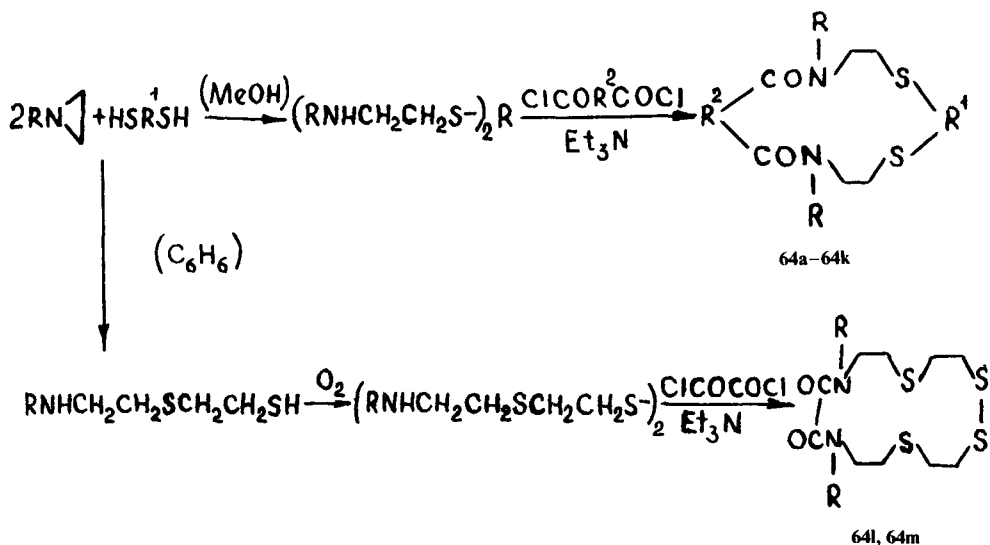
A general method for the synthesis of thiazamacrocycloalkanes in 60-80% yield is based on the reaction of available thia- $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedicarboxylic acid dimethyl esters with polyethylene polyamines, followed by reduction of the macroheterocyclic diamides obtained with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  or  $\text{B}_2\text{H}_6$  in tetrahydrofuran.<sup>98</sup>

In this way, several sulfur-containing macroheterocyclic diamides (63a, 63c, 63e) have been prepared in 15.4-40.9% yield. In this case the reaction is carried out during 3-7 days without high dilution of the reaction mixture. The cyclization proceeds only



at the terminal primary amino groups without affecting less reactive secondary amino groups.

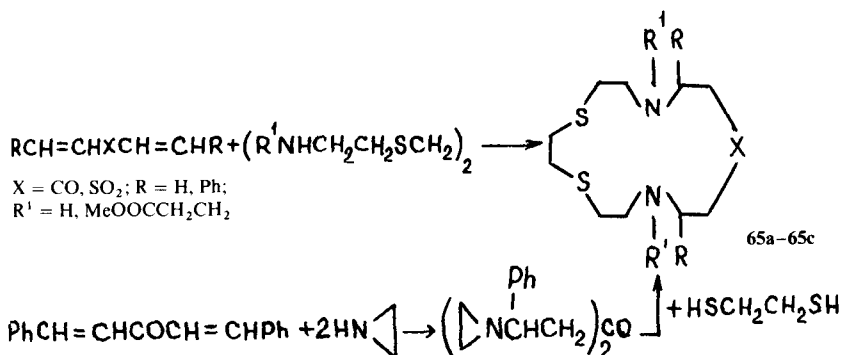
The present authors<sup>99-104</sup> have found a new synthetic route to sulfur-containing alkyl and functionally substituted open-chain and macroheterocyclic diamines. *N*-Substituted open-chain diamines are available from the reaction of *N*-substituted aziridines with 1,2- or 1,4-dithiols in an appropriate solvent. In methanol at 60 °C this reaction leads to the corresponding sulfur-containing open-chain diamines. Use of an aprotic solvent (benzene), however, results in monoadducts which can be readily oxidized to the corresponding disulfides (Scheme 2).



SCHEME 2

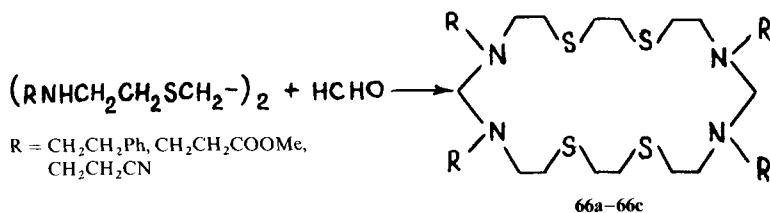
In order to obtain macroheterocyclic compounds containing aralkyl and functional groups at the nitrogen atoms, the cyclization of the diamines prepared from dicarboxylic acid dichlorides has been studied. The reaction is carried out in dry benzene in high dilution. *N*-Unsubstituted macroheterocycles as well as macroheterocyclic compounds containing phenethyl, carbomethoxyethyl, or cyanoethyl groups at the nitrogen atoms (64a-64m) are given in Table 1.

The 15-membered thiaazamacrocyclanes **65a** and **65b** were prepared by cyclization of open-chain diamines with dibenzalacetone and divinyl sulfone at 60 °C in methanol with high dilution.

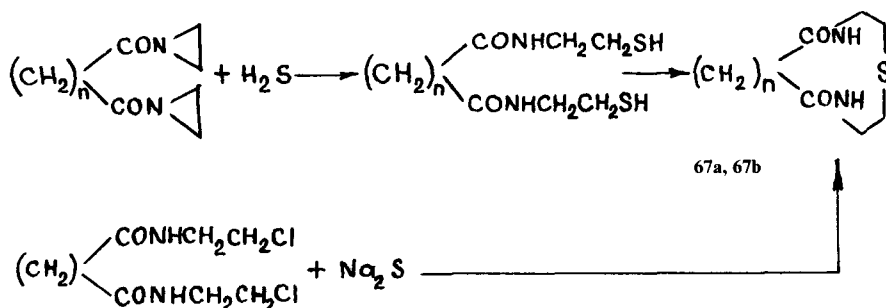


Compound **65a** was also prepared by reaction of bis(2-phenyl-2-aziridinoethyl) ketone with 1,2-ethanedithiol. The cyclization occurs at 60 °C under high dilution. Both reactions afford polymeric products in yields from 5 to 20%.

The 22-membered aminals **66a-66c** have been synthesized in 60-65% yield by reaction of linear diamines with formaldehyde in boiling methanol with high dilution.



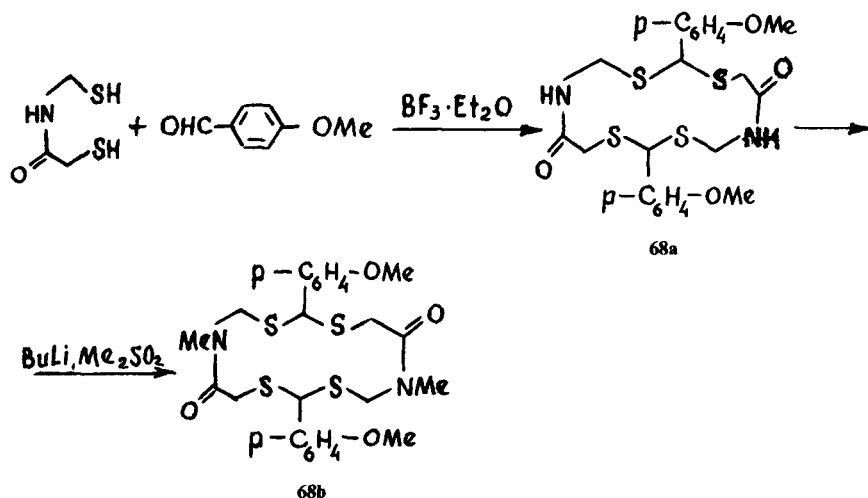
The reaction of the bis-*N*-ethylene amides of azelaic and sebacic acid with excess hydrogen sulfide affords the macrocyclic sulfides **67a** and **67b**, along with the bis(β-mercaptoethyl)diamides of the corresponding acids.<sup>105</sup>



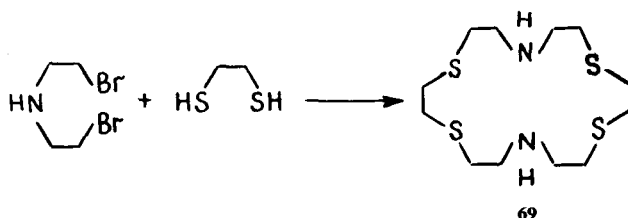


These macrocyclic compounds seem to be the products of an intramolecular opening of the aziridine rings by a mercapto group in the intermediate *N,N*-ethylene-*N'*-( $\beta$ -mercaptoethyl)diamides of azelaic and sebacic acid. The cyclic sulfide **67a** has been further synthesized by reaction of the bis( $\beta$ -chloroethyl)diamide of azelaic acid with sodium sulfide.

The cyclization of the *N*-(mercaptomethyl)amide of thioglycolic acid with anisaldehyde leads to the macrocycle **68a**.<sup>106</sup>

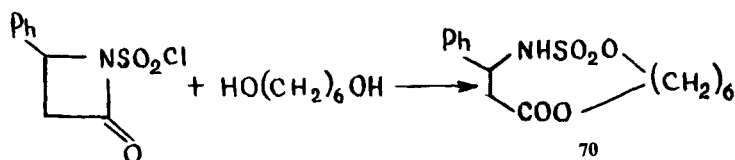


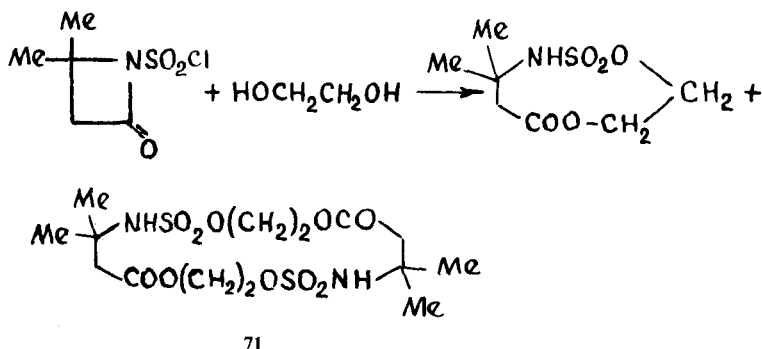
The thiaazamacrocycloalkane **69** has been synthesized in 45% yield by reaction of bis(2-bromoethyl)amine with 1,2-ethanedithiol.<sup>53,107</sup>



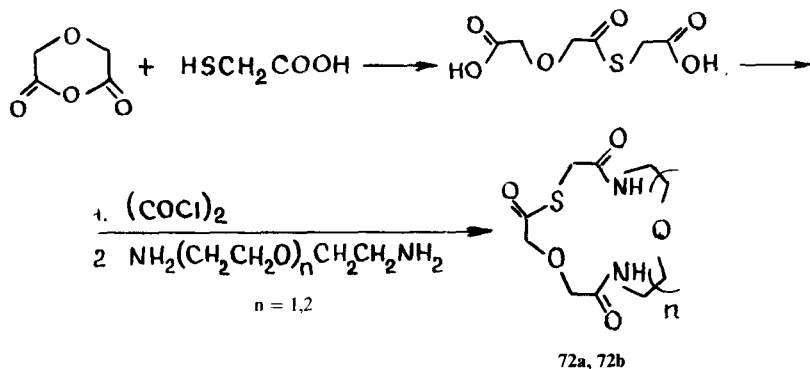
#### 1.4 Oxathiaazamacrocycloalkanes

The reaction of *N*-chlorosulfonyl- $\beta$ -lactams with glycols leads to the formation of the new macroheterocycles **70** and **71**.<sup>108,109</sup>

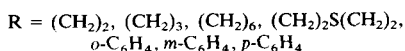
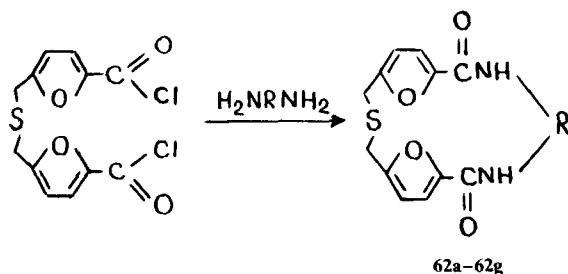




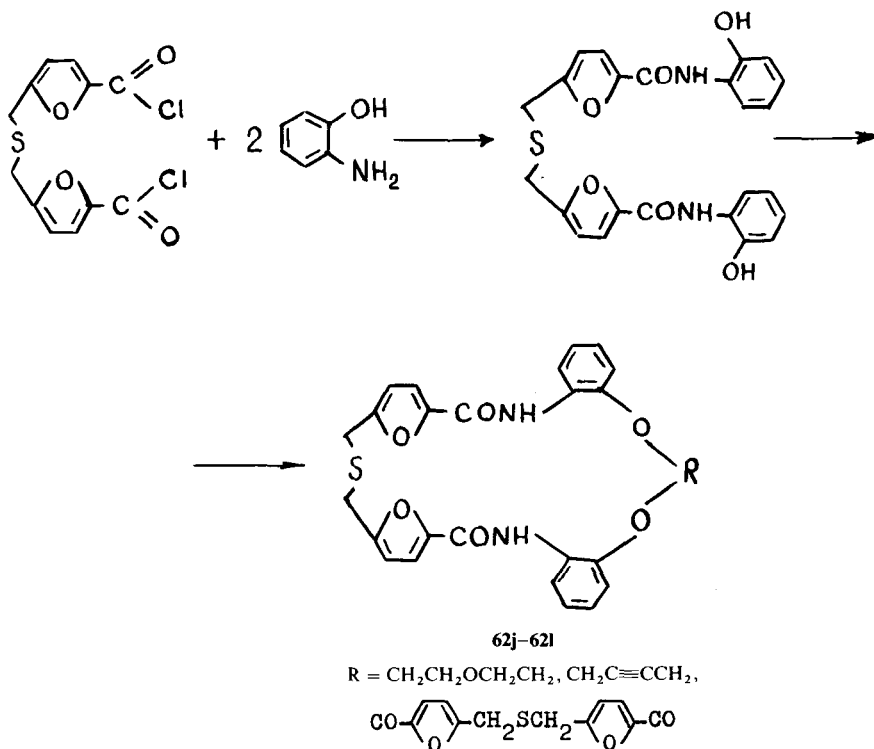
Macroheterocycles containing O, N, and S atoms in the molecule have been synthesized from 5-oxo-3-oxa-6-thiahexanedicarboxylic acid which is the product of the reaction of diglycolic acid anhydride with thioglycolic acid.<sup>110</sup> The dicarboxylic acid thus obtained, when treated with oxalyl chloride, forms the corresponding dichloride. The reaction of the latter with 3-oxa-1,5-diaminopentane or 3,6-dioxa-1,8-diaminooctane in high dilution gives the macroheterocycles 72a and 72b in 30–35% yield.



The corresponding macroheterocyclic diamides 62a–62i have been prepared in an analogous way from the dichloride of difurfuryl sulfide 5,5'-dicarboxylic acid and aliphatic or aromatic diamines.<sup>97</sup>

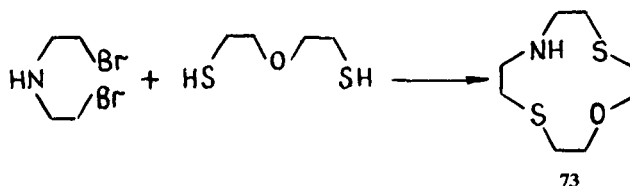


The synthesis of the oxathiazamacrocyclanes *62j-62l* has also been reported.<sup>96</sup>



The reaction of difurfuryl sulfide 5, 5'-dicarboxylic dichloride with *o*-aminophenol leads to the corresponding diamide which, upon further cyclization with the dichloride (refluxing for 25–30 hours in the presence of potassium hydroxide) gives the macroheterocycles *62j-62l* in yields up to 83%.

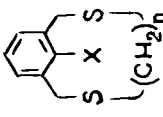
The reaction of bis(2-bromoethyl)amine with 3-oxapentane-1,5-dithiol gives the oxathiazamacrocyclane *73* in 18% yield.<sup>111</sup>



The oxathiazamacrocycloalkane *74a* has been prepared by cyclization of 3,6-dithia-1,8-diaminooctane with 3-oxapentanedicarboxylic dichloride, followed by reduction of the cyclic diamide *74b* formed with diborane in tetrahydrofuran.<sup>112</sup>



TABLE 2  
Oligothiacyclophanes and Their Analogs

Compound	m, n	Substituents	Compd. No.	Mp. [bp (mm)], °C	Yield, %	Refs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	2	3	4	5	6	7
	2	H	75a	85-86	7	116
	3	H	75b	100-101	40	116
	4	H	75c	83-84	21	117
	5	H	75d	59-60	36	116
	6	H	75e	63-64	32	116
	7	H	75f	51-52		118
	8	H	75g	28-30		118
	9	H	75h	25		118
	3	F	75i	71-72	16	116
	4	F	75j	59-60	16	117
	5	F	75k	96-97	41	116
	6	F	75l	81-82	29	116
	7	F	75m	49-50		118
	8	F	75n	20		118
	9	F	75o	58-59		118
	4	Cl	75p	76-77	9	117
	5	Cl	75q	99-100	35	116
	6	Cl	75r	111-112	37	116
	7	Cl	75s	83-84		118
	8	Cl	75t	53-54		118
	9	Cl	75u	38-40		118
	4	Br	75v	117-118	12	117
	5	Br	75w	86-87	47	116
	6	Br	75x	97-98	39	116
	7	Br	75y	75-76		118
	8	Br	75z	47-48		118
	9	Br	76a	28-30		118
	8	I	76b	44-47	17	119
	9	I	76c	20	9	119
	10	I	76d	20	11	119

6	OH	76e	113-114	4	119
7	OH	76f	108-110	5	119
2	MeO	76g		60	116
3	MeO	76h	134-135	66	120
4	MeO	76i	100-102	36	120
5	MeO	76j	99	74	120
6	MeO	76k	106	65	120
7	MeO	76l	45-47	58	120
8	MeO	76m	35-36	80	120
9	MeO	76n	23-24	85	120
10	MeO	76o	oil	71	120
3	CN	76p	114	16	121
4	CN	76q	108	18	121
5	CN	76r	166	34	121
6	CN	76s	163	11	121
7	CN	76t	112	5	121
8	CN	76u	84	24	121
9	CN	76v	68	12.5	121
10	CN	76w	46	3	121
3	NO <sub>2</sub>	76x	145-148	4	122
4	NO <sub>2</sub>	76y	102	45	122
5	NO <sub>2</sub>	76z	97	21	122
6	NO <sub>2</sub>	77a	116	42	122
7	NO <sub>2</sub>	77b	94	20	122
8	NO <sub>2</sub>	77c	80	48	122
9	NO <sub>2</sub>	77d	41-43	13	122
10	NO <sub>2</sub>	77e	78-90	2	122
4	NH <sub>2</sub>	77f	94-95	39	119
5	NH <sub>2</sub>	77g	76-77	56	119
6	NH <sub>2</sub>	77h	79-80	67	119
7	NH <sub>2</sub>	77i	77-78	60	119
8	NH <sub>2</sub>	77j	42-44	55	119
9	NH <sub>2</sub>	77k	-16	73	119
6	NHCOMe	77l	161-164	60	119
8	NHCOMe	77m	110	98	119
9	NHCOMe	77n	90-91	89	119
8	N(COMe) <sub>2</sub>	77o	126	94	119
9	N(COMe) <sub>2</sub>	77p	110-111	96	119
6	COOMe	77q	102-103	30	122
8	COOMe	77r	80-82	34	122

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Compound	m, n	Substituents	Compd. No.	Mp. [bp (mm)], °C	Yield, %	Refs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9	COOMe	77s	oil	39	122
	10	COOMe	77t	oil	57	122
	11	COOMe	77u	oil	46	122
	12	COOMe	77v	oil	49	122
	4	SMe	77w	100-103	3	122
	6	SMe	77x	101-104	15	122
	8	SMe	77y	oil	44	122
	9	SMe	77z	oil	53	122
	10	SMe	78a	oil	38	122
	4	SOMe	78b	154-156	29	123
	6	SOMe	78c	148-150	38	123
	8	SOMe	78d	128-130	19	123
	9	SOMe	78e	124-125	37	123
	10	SOMe	78f	112-114	22	123
	11	SOMe	78g	97-100	11	123
	4	SO <sub>2</sub> Me	78h	144-147	5	122
	6	SO <sub>2</sub> Me	78i	118-120	29	122
	8	SO <sub>2</sub> Me	78j	177-180	11	122
	10	SO <sub>2</sub> Me	78k	154-156	10	122
	11	SO <sub>2</sub> Me	78l	128-130	19	122
	12	SO <sub>2</sub> Me	78m	80-82	18	122
	2	Me	78n		12	116
	3	Me	78o	71-72	90	120
	4	Me	78p	48-49	65	120
	5	Me	78q	70-71	82	120
	6	Me	78r	93-94	81	120
	7	Me	78s	93-95	75	120
	8	Me	78t	74-76	96	120
	9	Me	78u	36-38	68	120

	10	Me	78v	oil	72	120
	4	Ph	78w	133-134	22	122
	5	Ph	78x	109-110	23	122
	6	Ph	78y	126-127	9	122
	7	Ph	78z	oil	22	122
	8	Ph	79a	62-64	18	122
	10	Ph	79b	44-46	11	122
	12	Ph	79c	oil	11	122
		R = F, X = CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub>	80a	89-91	44	125
		R = F, X = CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub>	80b	113-115	51	125
		R = Cl, X = (CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	80c	58-59	45	125
		R = Cl, X = CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	80d	64-66	33	125
		R = Cl, X = (CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	80e	67-69	38	125
		R = I, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80f	160-162/	35	119
		R = OH, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80g	119-120	24	119
		R = NO <sub>2</sub> , X = CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub>	80h	126-127	47	125
		R = NO <sub>2</sub> , X = (CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	80i	82-83	31	125
		R = NO <sub>2</sub> , X = (CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	80j	118-120	55	125
		R = NO <sub>2</sub> , X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80k	166-168	51	122
		R = NH <sub>2</sub> , X = CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub>	80l	88-89	74	125
		R = NH <sub>2</sub> , X = (CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	80m	73-74	40	125
		R = NH <sub>2</sub> , X = CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub>	80n	138-140	77	119
		R = NH <sub>2</sub> , X = (CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	80o	143-145	42	125
		R = NH <sub>2</sub> , X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80p	167-169	72	119
		R = NH <sub>2</sub> , X = <i>p</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80q	219-222	90	119
		R = N=CHPh, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80r	(subl)	96	119
		R = N=CHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH( <i>o</i> ), X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80s	183-185	73	119
		R = NHS(O <sub>2</sub> )C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Me( <i>p</i> ), X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80t	249-250	81	119
		R = NHC(O)Me, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80u	162-165	100	119
		R = OC(O)Me, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80v	(subl)	39	119
		R = CO <sub>2</sub> H, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80w	177-179	24	122
		R = CO <sub>2</sub> Me, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80x	224-225	25	122
		R = CO <sub>2</sub> CHMe <sub>2</sub> , X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	80y	124-126	25	122
		R = CO <sub>2</sub> CMe <sub>3</sub> , X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	81a	118-119	25	122
		R = SMe, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	81b	154-155	35	122
				177-180	7	122

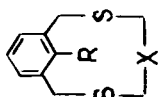
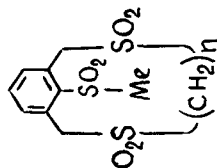
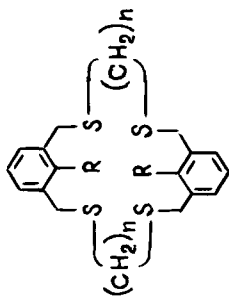




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		R = SOMe, X = CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> R = SOMe, X = CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> R = SOMe, X = (CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> R = SOMe, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> R = SOMe, X = <i>p</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> R = SO <sub>2</sub> Me, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> R = Ph, X = <i>m</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	81c 81d 81e 81f 81g 81h 81i	194-196 170-173 155-156 245-247 189-191 202-204 134	27 14 22 25 13 20 17	123 123 123 123 123 122 122
		H F Cl Br NO <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> SMe Ph F NO <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> Ph SO <sub>2</sub> Me	82a 82b 82c 82d 82e 82f 82g 82h 82i 82j 82k 82l 82m 82n	170-171 154-155 160-161 176-177 179-184 215-217 170-173 217-218 116-117 142-143 124 113-114 236-237 99-102	15 24 30 20 12 49 5 5 19 13 18 88 7 10	116 116 116 116 122 119 122 122 116 116 122 119 122 122
			83a 83b 83c 83d 83e 83f	316(dec.) 340(dec.) 248-251 227-229 220-223 215-217	39 61 59 81 55 63	122 122 122 122 122 122



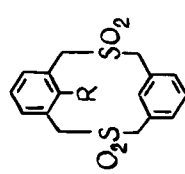
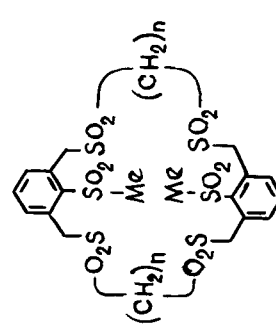

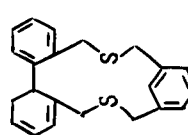
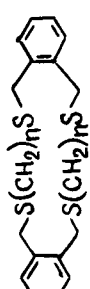
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		31	342(dec.)	122
		50	234-236	128,131
		50	150-152	131
	1 2 3	3 5 5	198-200 142-144 208-210	131 131 131

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Compound	m, n	Substituents	Compd. No.	Mp. [bp (mm)], °C	Yield, %	Refs.
	2	3	4	5	6	7
1			89	183-184	10	131
		Me CH <sub>2</sub> Me CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Me CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Ph CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	90a 90b 90c 90d 90e 90f 90g	290-291 234-236 232-234 234-236 170-172 224-226 238-240	25 8 9 11 3 4 27	132 132 132 132 132 132 132
		R = R' = H R = H, R' = F R = H, R' = Cl R = H, R' = Br R = H, R' = CN R = H, R' = Me R = H, R' = OMe R = R' = F R = R' = Cl R = R' = Br R = Cl, R' = F R = R' = CN R = Me, R' = F R = Me, R' = Cl R = Me, R' = Br R = R' = Me R = Me, R' = OMe	91a 91b 91c 91d 91e 91f 91g 91h 91i 91j 91k 91l 91m 91n 91o 91p 91q	120-121 149-150 144-145 169-171 176-177 100-102 157-158 199-200 270-274 259-262 196 260 196-198 274-277 232-236 240-250 229-231	41     7 64 51 37  4 17 8 8 12 32	136 134 134 134 135 120 120 137 134 134 134 135 120 120 120 120 120

R = OMe, R' = F	91r	213-214	29	120
R = OMe, R' = Cl	91s	254-261	4	120
R = OMe, R' = Br	91t	274-279	2	120
R = R' = OMe	91u	248-250	8	120
R = Me, R' = <i>n</i> -Bu	91v	98-100	80	139
R = Me, R' = CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	91w	189-190	55	140
R = Me, R' = CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OMe	91x	176-179	53	140
H	92a	145-146	21	143
F	92b	142-143	19	143
Cl	92c	176-177	15	143
Br	92d	217-218	30	143
CN	92e	216-217	24	135
Me	92f	140	81	120
OMe	92g	182	53	120
H	93a	157-158	18	143
F	93b	172-173	14	143
Cl	93c	232-233		118
Br	93d	225-226		118
Me	93e	202	59	120,137
H	94a	172-173	13	116
F	94b	131-132	22	116
Cl	94c	115-116	18	116
CN	94d	104-105	10	116
Me	94e	112	65	120
OMe	94f	148	44	120
H	95a	125-126		118
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Cl	95c	124-125		118
Br	95d	141-142		118
Me	95e	107-109	41	118

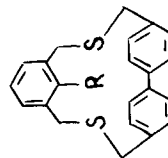
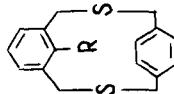
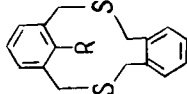
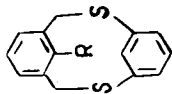


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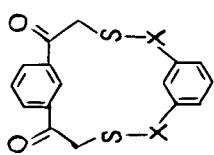
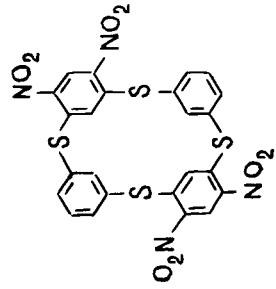
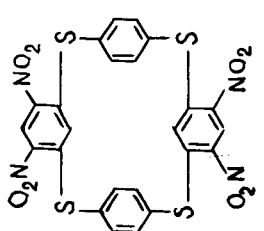
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		bond CH <sub>2</sub> COCH <sub>2</sub>	96a 96b 96c	218-219 181-182 258-260	21 10 5	144 144 144
						
			97	>350	70	145
						
			98	350	70	145



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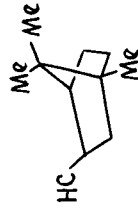


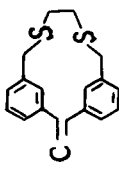
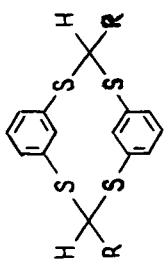
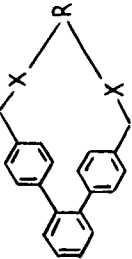
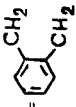
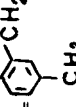
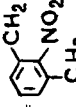
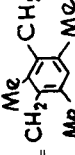

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	2		102i	270(dec.)	74	152
	2		102j	161-163	86	152
	2		102k	177-179	39	152
	2		102l	288-290	38	152
	2		102m	340	47	152
			103a	145-147	30	160
		Me	103b	183-188	12	160
		Ph	103c	224-226	45	160





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Compound	m, n	Substituents	Compd. No.	Mp. [bp (mm)], °C	Yield, %	Refs.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	3	SO <sub>2</sub>	108k	295-297	86	150	
	4	SO <sub>2</sub>	108l	325-327	71	149,150	
	5	SO <sub>2</sub>	108m	262-264	86	149,150	
	6	SO <sub>2</sub>	108n	272-275	85	149,150	
	7	SO <sub>2</sub>	108o	325-326	86	150	
	8	SO <sub>2</sub>	108p	271-273	81	150	
	9	SO <sub>2</sub>	108q	239-242	74	150	
	10	SO <sub>2</sub>	108r	253-255	76	150	
			X = S, R = (CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O	109a	157-159	14	150
			X = S, R = CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> (OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	109b	117-118	19	150
		X = S, R = CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> (OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	109c	110-112	7	150	
		X = S, R = (CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S	109d	110-111	9	150	
		X = S, R = 	109e	192-195	12	150	
		X = S, R = 	109f	175-177	17	150	
		X = S, R = 	109g	190-193	9	150	
		X = S, R = 	109h	241-242	19	150	
		X = S, R = 	109i	172-175	17	150	

$X = S, R = (CH_2CH_2)_2O$   
 $X = SO_2, R = CH_2CH_2(OCH_2CH_2)_2$   
 $X = SO_2, R = CH_2CH_2(OCH_2CH_2)_3$   
 $X = SO_2, R = (CH_2CH_2)_2SO_2$

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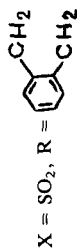
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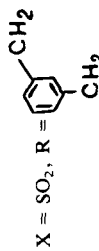


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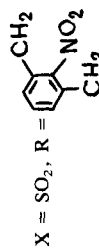


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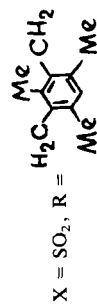


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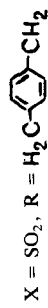


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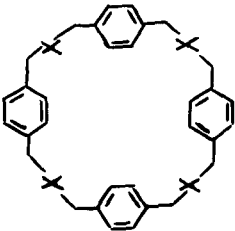
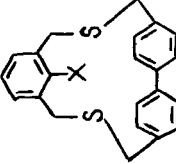
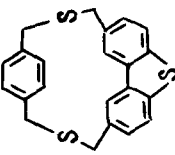
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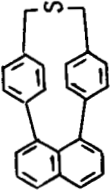
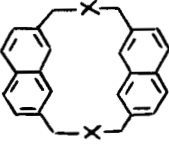
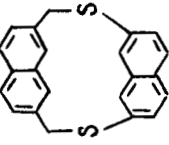
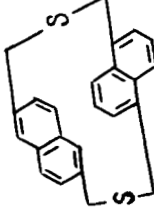
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	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
		S	112a	199-200		164
		$\dagger$ SMe·BF <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	112b	164-166		165
						
		H	113a	125-126		118
		F	113b	114-115		118
		Cl	113c	124-125		118
		Br	113d	141-142		118
		Me	113e	107-109	41	118
						
			114	260-261	88	

	$X = S, R = H$ $X = SO_2, R = H$ $X = S, R = Me$	115a 115b 115c	213-215 >300 180-181	49 100 63	168 168 168
	S † $\bar{S}Me \cdot BF_4^-$ $SO_2$	116a 116b 116c	266-268 >300 >300	74 84 84	169 169 169
	S † $\bar{S}Me \cdot BF_4^-$ $SO_2$	117a 117b 117c	249-251 205-207 (dec.) >320	73 100 95	167 167 167
	S † $\bar{S}Me \cdot BF_4^-$ $SO_2$	118a 118b 118c	234-235 >300 >350	49	170,171 170,171 170
	$X = S, R = H$ $X = S, R = Me$ $X = \bar{S}Me \cdot BF_4^-, R = H$ $X = \bar{S}Me \cdot BF_4^-, R = Me$ $X = SO_2, R = H$	119a 119b 119c 119d 119e	239-241 245-246 >340 >360 >340	50 55 100 100 97	172,173 172,173 172,173 172,173 172

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Compound	m, n	Substituents	Compd. No.	Mp. [bp (mm)], °C	Yield, %	Refs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			120			174,175
		S † SMe·BF <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> SO <sub>2</sub>	121a 121b 121c	240-244 >210 >300		176,177 176 176
			122	228-230	40	178
			123	281-283	6	179

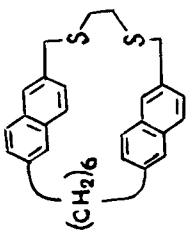
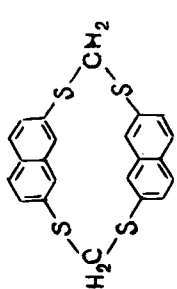
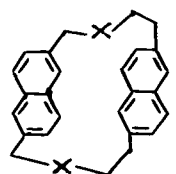
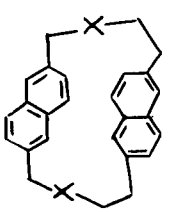
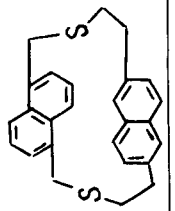
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	126a 126b			182 182
	127a 127b			182 182
	128			182

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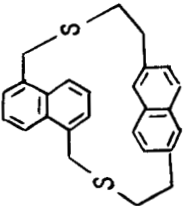
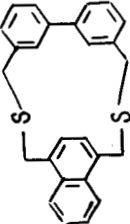
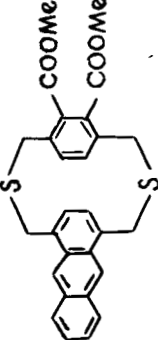
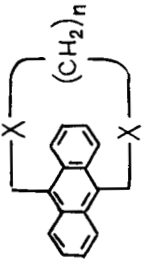
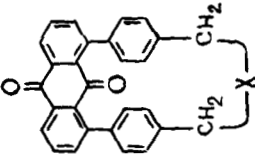
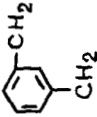
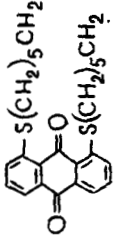




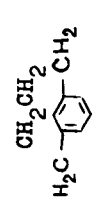
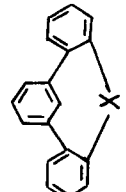
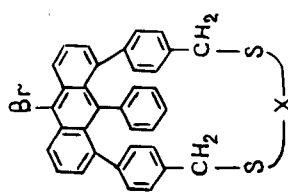
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			129			182
			130	192-193	46	163
			131	131	31	161
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			137d	186	2	187
			137e	310	4	187
		S	138a	294-296	22	188
		SO <sub>2</sub>	138b	>350	66	188
		SCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> S	138c	273-275	28	188
		SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>2</sub>	138d	>350	91	188
		SH <sub>2</sub> C-  -CH <sub>2</sub> S	138e	253-254	33	188
		O <sub>2</sub> SH <sub>2</sub> C-  -CH <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>2</sub>	138f	>350	86	188
		SH <sub>2</sub> C-  -CH <sub>2</sub> S	138g			188
		O <sub>2</sub> SH <sub>2</sub> C-  -CH <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>2</sub>	138h	>350	93	188



<i>139a</i>	205-207	24	188
<i>139b</i>	208-210	27	188
<i>140a</i>	273-274	19	189
<i>140b</i>	297	70	189
<i>140c</i>	295	7	189
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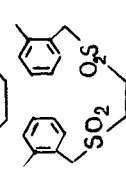
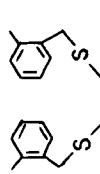
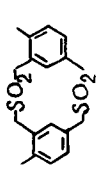
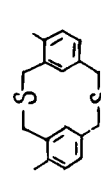
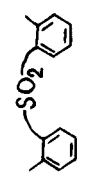
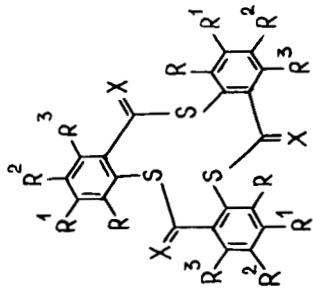
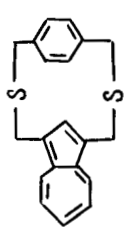
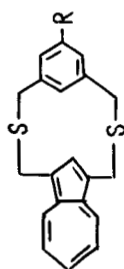
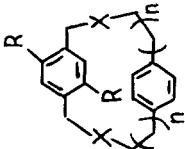


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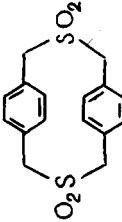
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		X = H, R = R <sup>1</sup> = R <sup>2</sup> = R <sup>3</sup> = H	141a	197-198	6.4	190,191
		X = O, R = Me, R <sup>1</sup> = R <sup>2</sup> = R <sup>3</sup> = H	141b	300-302	7	192
		X = O, R <sup>2</sup> = Me, R = R <sup>1</sup> = R <sup>3</sup> = H	141c	250-255	10	192
		X = O, R <sup>3</sup> = Me, R = R <sup>1</sup> = R <sup>2</sup> = H	141d	>300	8	192
		X = O, R = R <sup>3</sup> = Me, R <sup>1</sup> = R <sup>2</sup> = H	141e	>300	7	192
			142	168(dec.)	40	194
		H Me	143 144			195 195

1	X = S, R = H	<i>I45a</i>	184-185	25-30	201
1	X = SO <sub>2</sub> , R = H	<i>I45b</i>	400	95	200,201
1	X = S, R = Br	<i>I45c</i>	181.5-182.5	62	202
1	X = S, R = CN	<i>I45d</i>	259.5-261.5	68	202
1	X = SO <sub>2</sub> , R = CN	<i>I45e</i>		82	202
2	X = S, R = Br	<i>I45f</i>	137-138	87	202
2	X = S, R = CN	<i>I45g</i>	164-165	53	202
2	X = SO <sub>2</sub> , R = CN	<i>I45h</i>		96	202
		<i>I46</i>	250(dec.)	97	200
		<i>I47</i>	350	88	200
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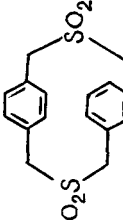
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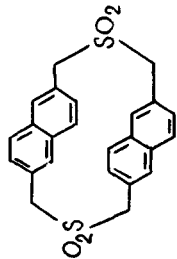
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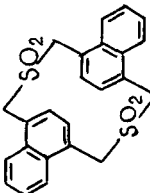
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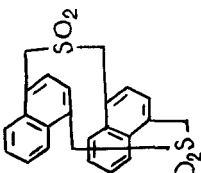
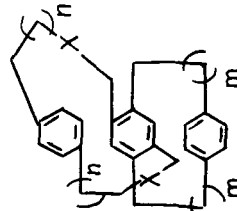
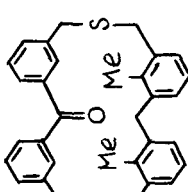


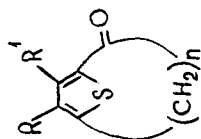
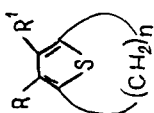
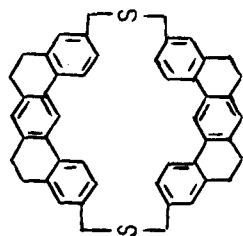
Chemical structure of a macrocyclic sulfone with two naphthalene rings connected by a chain containing a sulfur atom (S) and a sulfone group (SO<sub>2</sub>).



Chemical structure of a macrocyclic sulfone with two naphthalene rings connected by a chain containing a sulfur atom (S) and a sulfone group (SO<sub>2</sub>).

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Compound	m, n	Substituents	Compd. No.	Mp. (bp (mm)), °C	Yield, %	Refs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			151	300	65	200
	$m = n = 1$ $m = 2, n = 1$ $m = 3, n = 0$ $m = 3, n = 1$ $m = 3, n = 2$ $m = 3, n = 2$	S S S S S SO <sub>2</sub>	152a 152b 152c 152d 152e 152f	156.5-158 204-205 206.5-208 280-282 120-122	25 63 88 77 67 58	202 202 202 202 202 202
			153	297-299	80	204



154	291	55	205
155a	[80-81(15.0)]		210-212
155b	[67.5(0.03)]		212,226
155c	59-60.5		212,237
155d	45-46		
156a			211,231, 233,240
156b	35.5-37.5		206,210, 212,231, 217,233, 239,240
156c	58.5-60		206,230
156d	90-91.5		206,230
156e	80.5-81.5		212,213,228
156f	89.5-90		212,226
156g	45-45.2		211,224,225, 231,233,237, 239,240
156h	40.5-42		221,230
156i	76.5-78.5		221,230
156j	[189-192(0.15)]		216-219,224, 225,229,232,240
156k	31-32		211,231,233, 239,240

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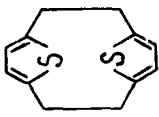
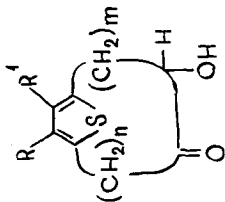
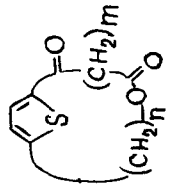
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R = R' = H

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Compound	m, n	Substituents	Compd. No.	Mp. [bp (mm)], °C	Yield, %	Refs.
	12	R = R' = H	156l	[170-171(0.2)]		211,231,233, 239,240
	m = n = 4 m = n = 4 m = 5, n = 4	R = R' = H R = R' = Me R = R' = H	157a 157b 157c	69.5-71 117-119 62-64		223,226,240 223,240 223,240
	m = 2, n = 5 m = 2, n† = 5; 2,3-benzo m = 3, n = 4 m = 3, n = 5 m = 4, n = 3 m = 5, n = 2 m = 5, n = 4 m = 1, n = 6		158a 158b 158c 158d 158e 158f 158g 158h	67-68 113-114 114-115 70-71 134-135		206,207,222 237,243 243,206,207, 214,215 214 206,207,222, 237,243 222,257,243, 206,207 222

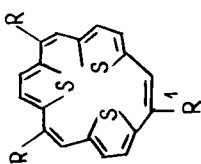
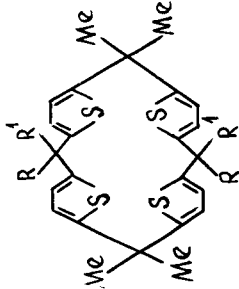
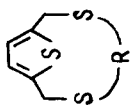
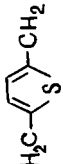
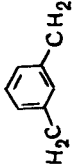
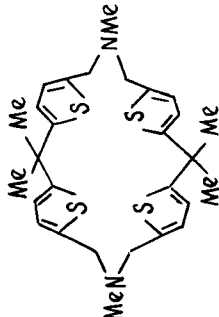
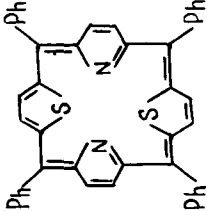
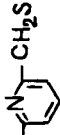
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	$R = R' = H$ $R = CO_2H, R' = CO_2Me$ $R = R' = CO_2Me$ $R = R' = CO_2H$	<i>I59a</i> <i>I59b</i> <i>I59c</i> <i>I59d</i>	74.5–75.5 dec. 257–259 360		
	$R = R' = Me$ $R = H, R' = OH$ $R = Me, R' = OH$	<i>I60a</i> <i>I60b</i> <i>I60c</i>	338 280 (dec.) 280 (dec.)		255,256 256,257 256,257
		<i>I61a</i>	234(dec.)		258
		<i>I61b</i>	210		258
		<i>I62</i>	168.5–170		220

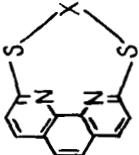
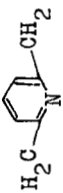


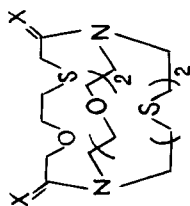
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			I63		10	259
	5		I64a	147-148		262
	6		I64b	138-140		262
	7		I64c	89		262
	8		I64d	73-75		262
	9		I64e	117-120		262
	10		I64f	54-55		262
		S	I65a	162-163		263,264
		SO	I65b	171-174		264,265
		SCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> S	I65c	131-133		263,264
		S-S	I65d	151-153		264
		NMe	I65e	(subl.) 67-69		264
		SH <sub>2</sub> C-  -CH <sub>2</sub> S	I65f	213-216 (subl.)		264

	H Me F NO <sub>2</sub>	I66a I66b I66c I66d	173-175 135-136 174-175 159-160	266 267 266 268
	S + SMe BF <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> N → O, SO <sub>2</sub> N → O, SO	I67a I67b I67c I67d	177-178  340 220-250	269,270 270 270,271 271
	0 1 2 3	I68a I68b I68c I68d	133-135 90-91 58-59	272,273 272,273 272,273 272
	S S-S	I69a I69b	242-243 234-236	264 264
	CH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> CHO CH=NOH	I70a I70b I70c		274 274 274

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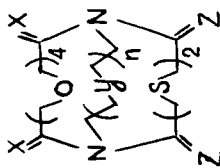
Compound	m, n	Substituents	Compd. No.	Mp. [bp (mm)], °C	Yield, %	Refs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2$	171a			276
		$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2$	171b			276
		$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2(\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2$	171c			276
		$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_3$	171d			276
		$(\text{CH}_2)_6$	171e			276
		$(\text{CH}_2)_8$	171f			276
		$m\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CH}_2)_2$	171g			276
			171h			276
		$(\text{CH}_2)_8$	172a			276
		$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_3$	172b			276
		$\text{X} = \text{Y} = \text{Z} = \text{O}$	182a	oil	50	293
		$\text{X} = \text{Y} = \text{O}, \text{Z} = \text{H}_2$	182b	78-80	85	293
		$\text{X} = \text{Z} = \text{O}, \text{Y} = \text{S}$	182c	oil	40	293
		$\text{X} = \text{O}, \text{Y} = \text{S}, \text{Z} = \text{H}_2$	182d	86-87	95	293
		$\text{X} = \text{Y} = \text{S}, \text{Z} = \text{O}$	182e	oil	20	293
		$\text{X} = \text{Y} = \text{S}, \text{Z} = \text{H}_2$	182f	172	80	293
		$\text{X} = \text{N-Ts}, \text{Y} = \text{Z} = \text{O}$	182g			293
		$\text{X} = \text{N-Ts}, \text{Y} = \text{O}, \text{Z} = \text{H}_2$	182h			293
		$\text{X} = \text{NH}, \text{Y} = \text{O}, \text{Z} = \text{H}_2$	182i			293
		$\text{X} = \text{N-Ts}, \text{Y} = \text{O}, \text{Z} = \text{O}$	182j			293
		$\text{X} = \text{N-Ts}, \text{Y} = \text{S}, \text{Z} = \text{H}_2$	182k			293
		$\text{X} = \text{NH}, \text{Y} = \text{S}, \text{Z} = \text{H}_2$	182l			293



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X = H<sub>2</sub>

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183b oil 95

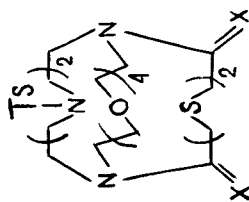
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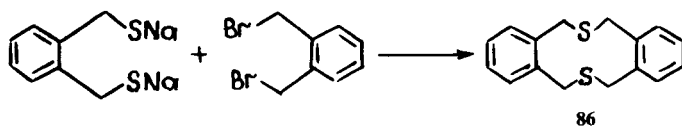
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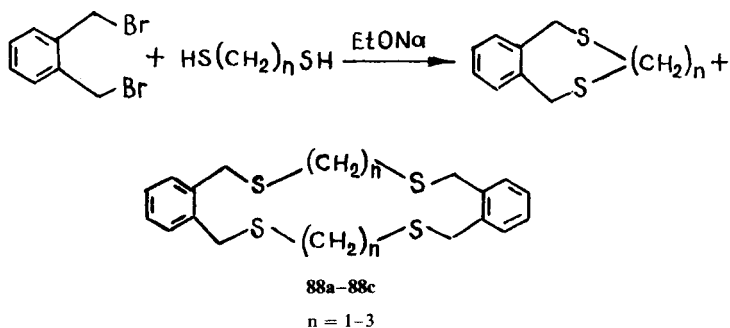
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X = H<sub>2</sub>

187a 293  
187b 293

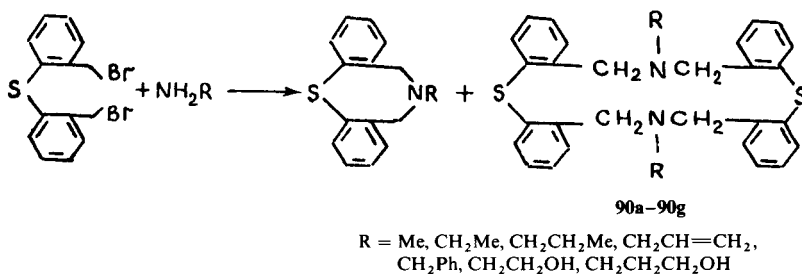
The 10-membered *o*-dithiacyclophane containing two benzene rings was synthesized in 1903 by reaction of *o*-dibromoxylene with the corresponding araliphatic sodium dithiolate.<sup>128</sup>



The cyclization of *o*-dibromoxylene with sodium  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedithiolates leads to monomeric *o*-dithiacyclophanes and dimeric tetrathiacyclophanes 88a–88c and 89 in 3–10% yield.<sup>129–131</sup>

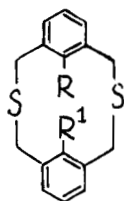


Some 8-membered *o*-azathiacyclophanes and their 16-membered dimers 90a–90g have been prepared by reaction of bis[2-(bromomethyl)phenyl] sulfide with primary amines.<sup>132</sup> These compounds have been oxidized to the corresponding sulfoxides and sulfones.<sup>133</sup>



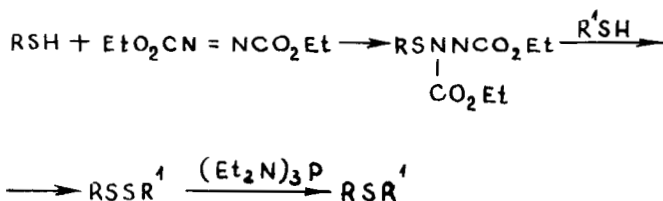
The synthesis of binuclear cyclophanes containing two different substituents in the benzene ring has been performed by reaction of 2,6-bis(bromomethyl) substituted benzenes with substituted *m*-bis(mercaptomethyl)benzenes (compounds 91a–91x, Table 2).<sup>120,134–142</sup>

The addition of two thiol molecules to azodicarboxylic acid diethyl ester leads to a disulfide, the partial desulfurization of which with tris(*N,N*-diethylamino)phosphine affords the corresponding sulfide. This route gives the two dithia[3.3]-metacyclophanes 91a and 91p (Table II).<sup>136</sup>

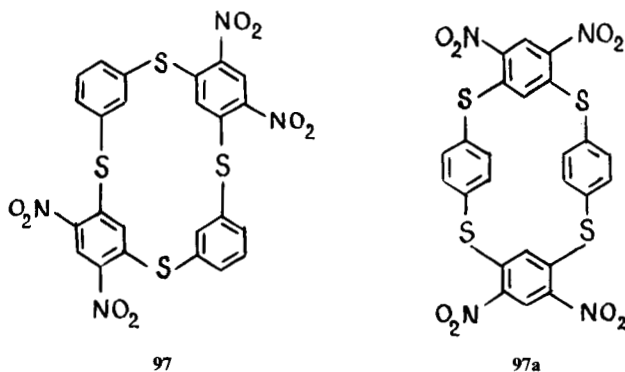


91a-91x

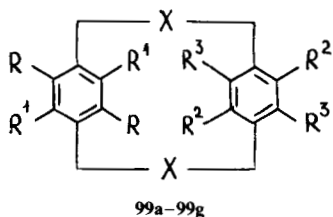
R = H, F, Cl, Br, CN, Me, OMe, R' = H, F, Cl, Br, CN, Me, *n*-Bu, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, OMe, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OMe



10-, 11-, 13-, and 15-membered dithiacyclophanes with intraannular substituents in the benzene ring have been synthesized by reaction of 2,6-bis(bromomethyl)benzenes with aromatic and aliphatic dithiols (92a-95e, Table 2). Another type of dithiametacyclophanes (96a-98) was also obtained:<sup>144,145</sup>



The dithiaparacyclophanes 99a-99g containing bromine atoms, methoxy, or nitrile groups in the positions 2 and 5 of the benzene rings were synthesized by reaction of

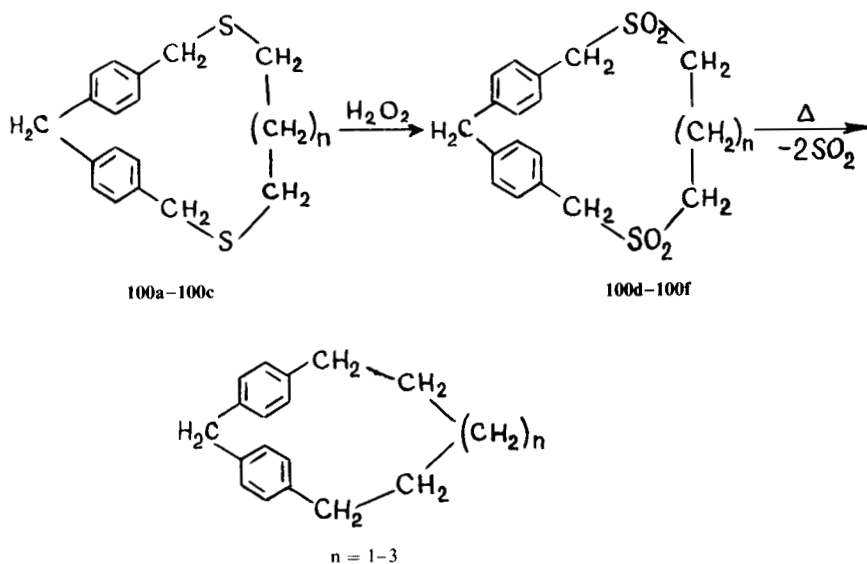


99a-99g

X = S, SO<sub>2</sub>; R = H, Br; R' = H, OMe, CN;  
R'' = H, OMe, R''' = H, OMe

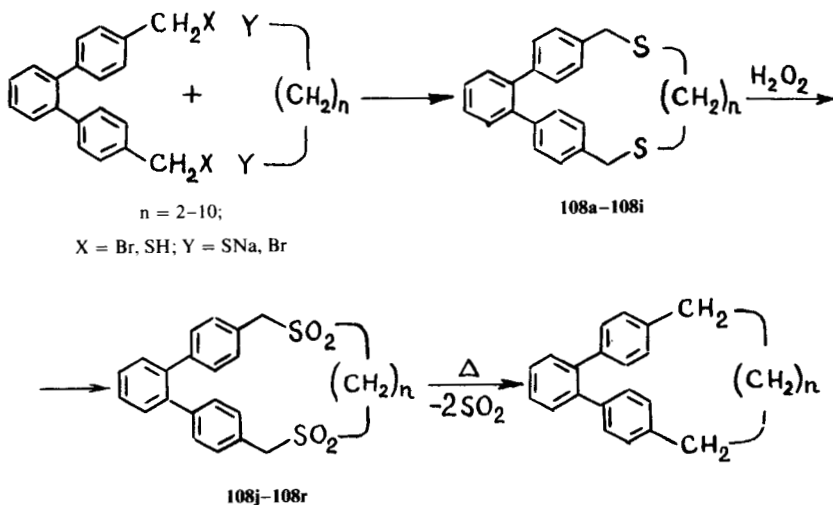
1,4-bis(mercaptomethyl) substituted benzenes with the corresponding 1,4-bis(bromomethyl) substituted benzenes.<sup>146,147</sup>

The pyrolysis of the corresponding cyclic sulfones according to the Scheme below has been widely applied recently for the synthesis of cyclophanes.



Sterically hindered paracyclophanes have been synthesized in this way.<sup>148</sup>

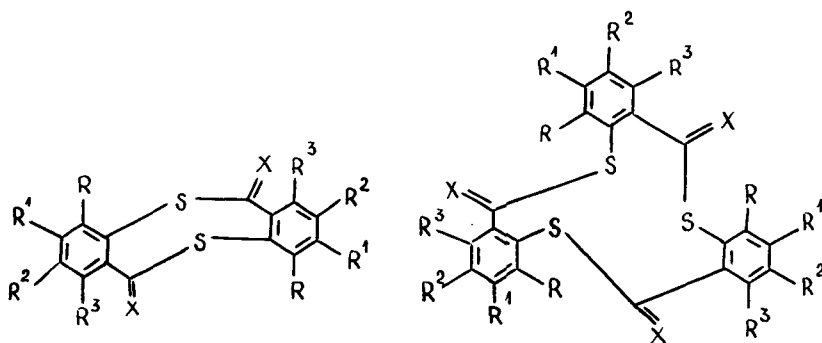
A number of cyclophanes possessing from two to four benzene rings in the molecule have been described. The main synthetic route to dithiacyclophanes the oxidation of which to disulfones and further pyrolysis leads to cyclophanes, is the



reaction of the corresponding dibromides with dithiols (compounds *101a–112b*, Table 2).<sup>149–164</sup>

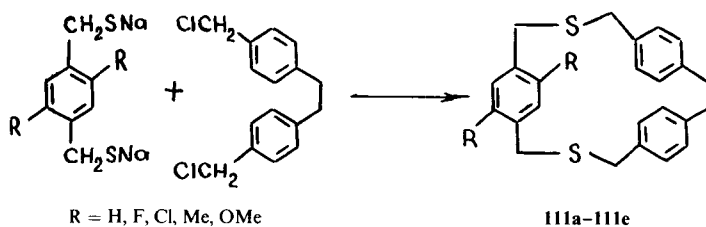
This method has been used for the preparation of dithiabiphenylophanes,<sup>165–169</sup> dithiabiphenylnaphthalenophanes,<sup>170,171</sup> dithianaphthalenophanes,<sup>172–182</sup> dithiaanthracenophanes, dithiaphenanthrenophanes,<sup>161,183–185</sup> and dithiaphenanthronaphthalenophanes<sup>186</sup> (*117a–136*, Table 2). Sulfur-containing anthraquinonophanes and pentaphenylenophanes have been reported.<sup>187–189</sup>

The homocyclization of *o*-chlorothiophenol by treatment with sodium hydroxide or that of *o*-mercaptobenzoic acid by treatment with  $P_4O_{10}$  at high dilution yields both medium-ring size dithiaorthocyclophanes and the macrocyclic trithiaorthocyclophanes *141a–141l*.<sup>190–193</sup>



- X = H<sub>2</sub>, R = R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = R<sup>3</sup> = H **141a**  
 X = O, R = Me, R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = R<sup>3</sup> = H **141b**  
 X = O, R = R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>3</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = Me **141c**  
 X = O, R = R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = H, R<sup>3</sup> = Me **141d**  
 X = O, R = R<sup>3</sup> = Me, R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = H **141e**

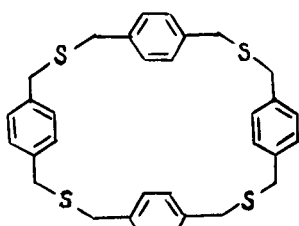
For the elucidation of the effects of inner rotation of macrocyclophane benzene rings the tricyclic dithiaparacyclophanes *111a–111e* containing different substituents in the positions 2 and 5 of the benzene ring have been obtained.<sup>163</sup>



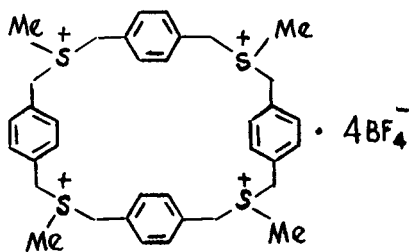
The synthesis is carried out by reaction of sodium dithiolates with 1,2-bis[4-(chloromethyl)phenyl]ethane in a large amount of mixed solvent (benzene-ethanol). The yields of the dithiacyclophanes *111a–111e* are 15–55%.

Treatment of the tetrasulfide *112a* with  $Me_3O^+BF_4^-$  gives the water-soluble tetrathiaparacyclophane *112b*.<sup>164</sup>



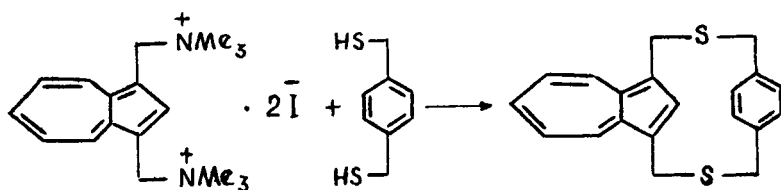


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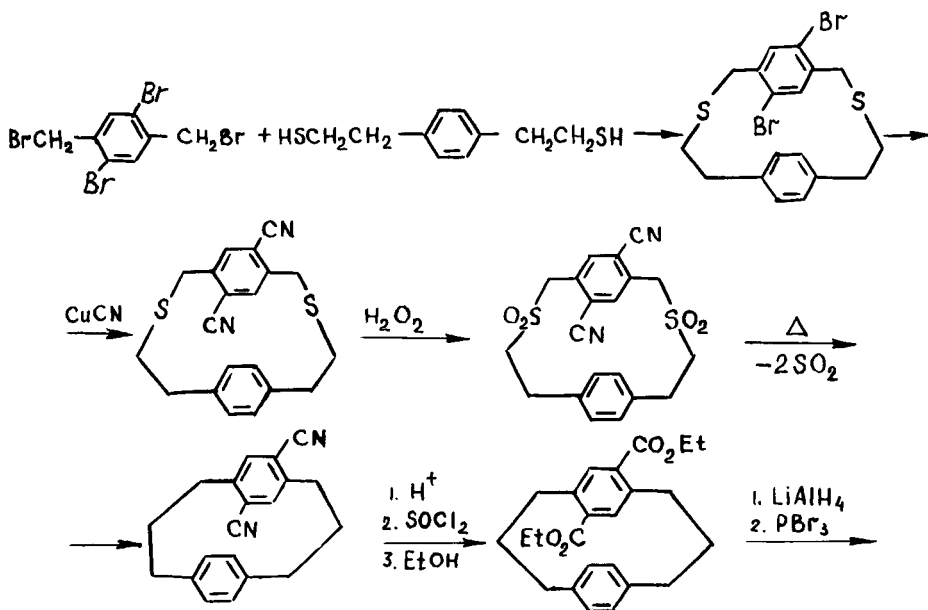
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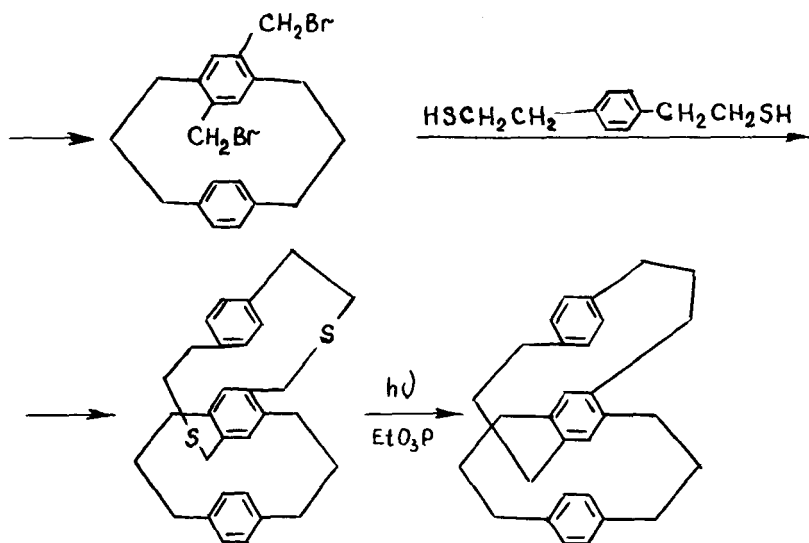
The technique of high dilution has allowed the dithiaazulenoparacyclophane *142* to be synthesized by reaction of 1,3-bis(trimethylammoniomethyl)azulene diiodide with 1,4-bis(mercaptomethyl)benzene.<sup>194</sup>



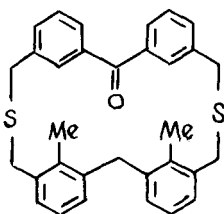
The dithiaazulenometacyclophanes *143* and *144* have also been obtained.<sup>195</sup>

Two- and three-layered cyclophanes have been prepared according to the Scheme below for the purpose of examination of transannular interactions between the benzene ring  $\pi$ -electrons.<sup>196-203</sup> The synthesis is based on the pyrolysis of bis-sulfones or photoextrusion of sulfur from dithiacyclophanes:



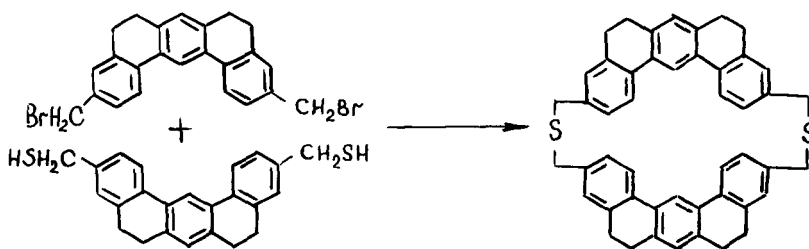


The dithiametacyclophane *153* has been prepared in 80% yield by cyclization of 3,3'-bis(bromomethyl)benzophenone with bis[3-(mercaptomethyl)-2-methylphenyl]methane.<sup>204</sup>



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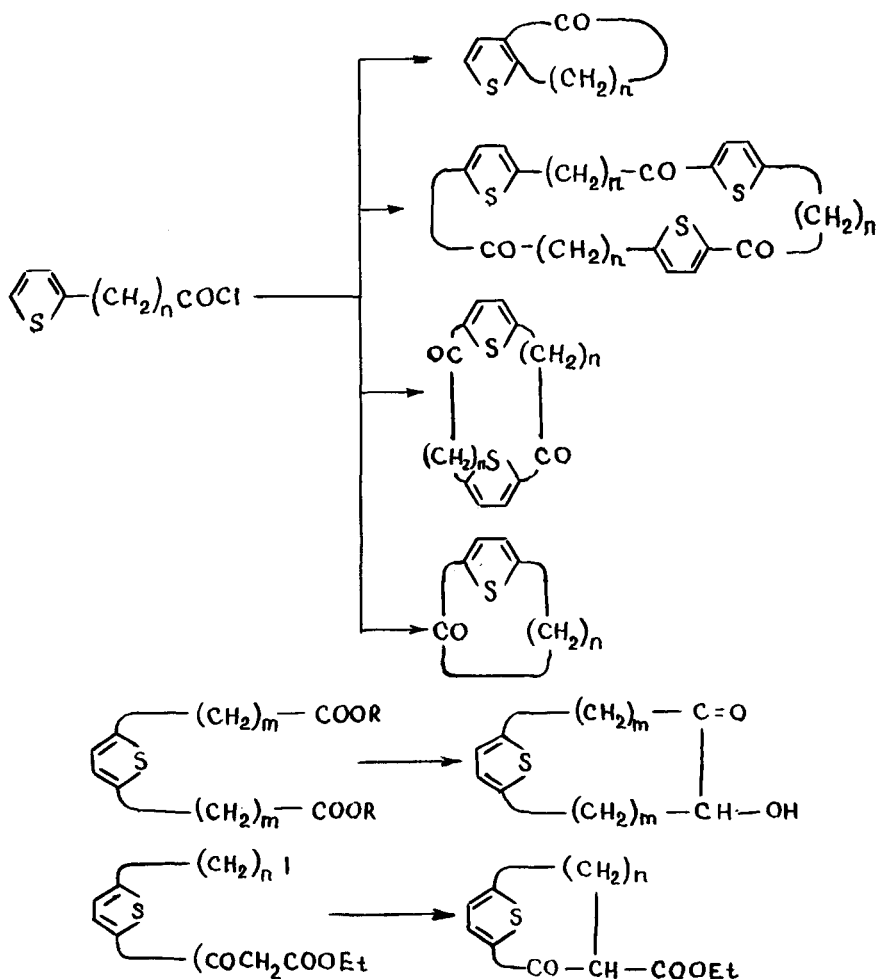
The synthesis of dithiadibenzoanthracenophane *154* in 55% yield by reaction of bis(bromomethyl)dibenzoanthracene with bis(mercaptomethyl)dibenzoanthracene has been reported.<sup>205</sup>



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## 2.2. Cyclothiopenophanes

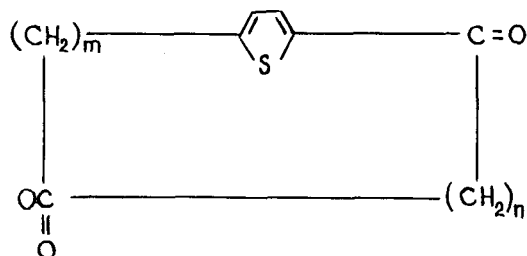
The synthesis of macrocyclic compounds containing one, two, or more thiophene rings is possible by intra- and intermolecular acylation of  $\omega$ -thienylalkanecarboxylic acid chlorides, acyloin condensation of 2,5-bis(carbalkoxyalkyl)-thiophenes, and by intramolecular alkylation of  $\omega$ -haloalkyl substituted  $\beta$ -keto esters of the thiophene series.<sup>206-244</sup>



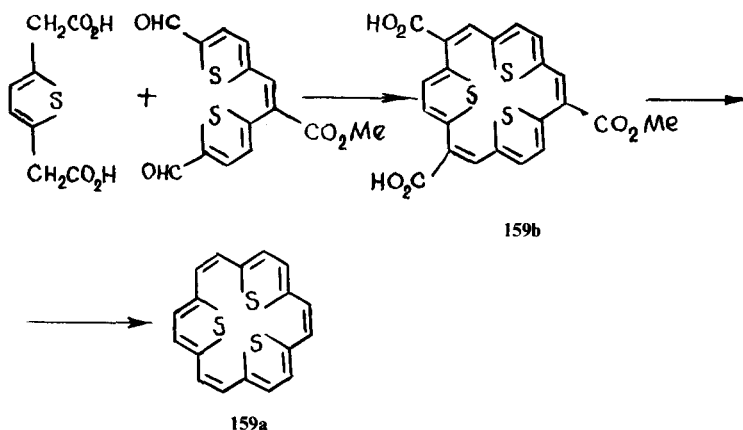
The melting points and yields of the compounds thus obtained are presented in Table 2 (155a-158h).

The X-ray determination of geometric and conformational parameters of isomeric ansa-ketolactones containing the thiophene ring has allowed the explanation of both the different ease of the formation of macrocyclic keto lactones depending on the

ester group position in the ansa bridge and the physical and chemical features of the above compounds.<sup>245-252</sup>

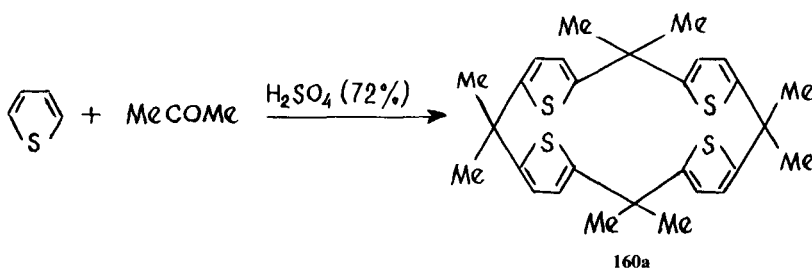


The trinuclear unsaturated thiophenophane **159a** has been prepared by Perkin cyclocondensation of 2,5-thiophenediacetic acid and methyl *cis*- $\alpha,\beta$ -bis(5-formyl-2-thienyl)acrylate.<sup>253,254</sup>



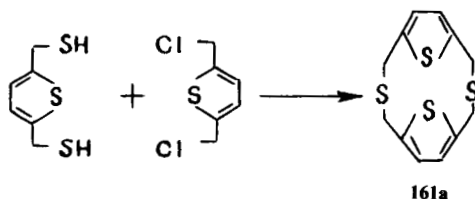
The diacid **159b** is converted to the triester **159c** which forms the triacid **159d** upon alkaline hydrolysis. The decarboxylation of the latter in the presence of copper chromite in quinoline at 210–220 °C gives the unsubstituted thiophenophane **159a**. The melting points and yields of compounds **159a**–**159d** are listed in Table 2.

The reaction of thiophene with acetone in the presence of 72% sulfuric acid affords the macrocycle **160a** possessing four thiophene rings.<sup>255</sup>

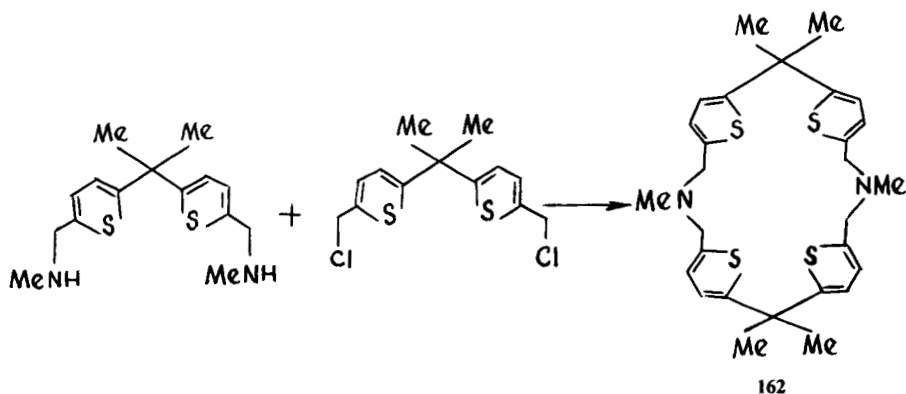


Its analogs *160b* and *160c* have been obtained by reaction of 2,2-bis-(5-lithio-2-thienyl)propane with 2,2-bis(5-formyl-2-thienyl)propane or 2,2-bis(5-acetyl-2-thienyl)propane.<sup>256,257</sup>

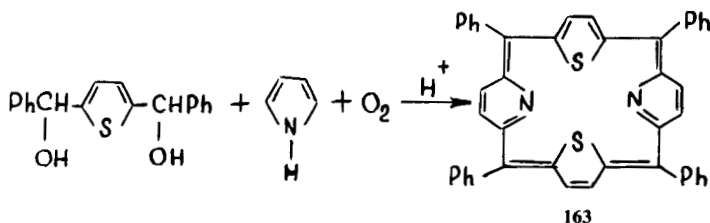
The dithiathiophenophanes *161a* and *161b* have been synthesized by cyclization of 2,5-bis(mercaptomethyl)thiophene with 2,5-bis-(chloromethyl)thiophene or 1,3-bis(bromomethyl)benzene in high dilution.<sup>258</sup>



The thiophenophane *162* containing amino groups as bridges, obtained by reaction of 2,2-bis(5-methylaminomethyl-2-thienyl)-propane with 2,2-bis(5-chloromethyl-2-thienyl)propane has also been reported.<sup>220</sup>



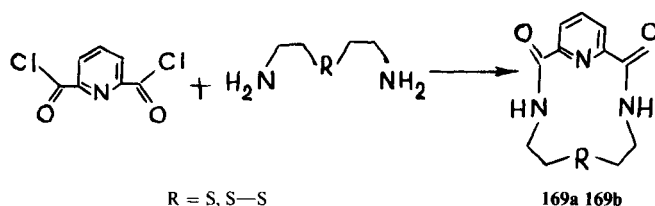
The reaction of pyrrole with 2,5-bis( $\alpha$ -hydroxybenzyl)thiophene affords tetraphenyl-21,23-dithiaporphyrine *163* in 10% yield.<sup>259</sup>



### 2.3. Sulfur-containing cyclopyridinophanes

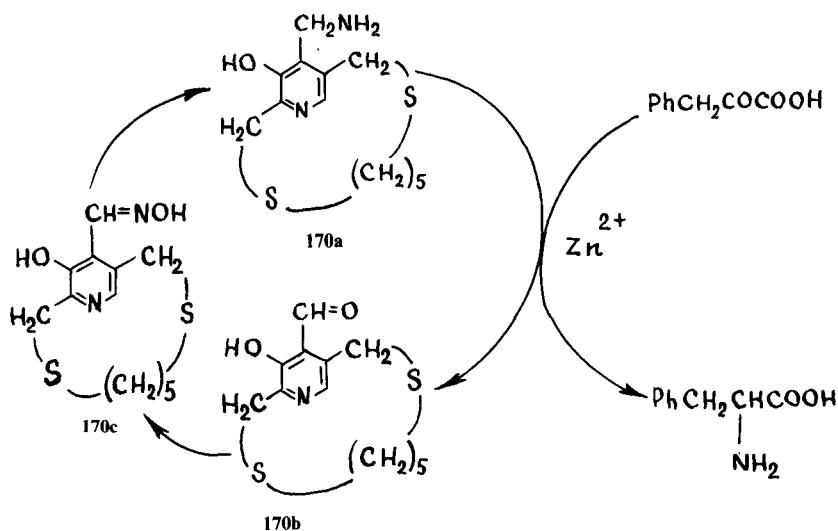
The sulfur-containing cyclopyridinophanes *164a*–*168d* have been synthesized by cyclization of 2,6-bis(bromomethyl)pyridine with various  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkanedithiols (Table

2).<sup>260-273</sup> The cyclopyridinophanes *169a* and *169b* containing two amide groups have been obtained by reaction of 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid dichloride with bis(aminoalkyl) sulfides.<sup>264</sup>

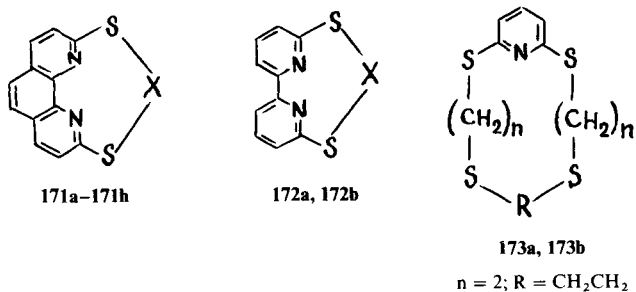


The above sulfur-containing cyclopyridinophanes form crystalline complexes with the transition metal ions  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pd}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Au}^{3+}$ , and  $\text{Pt}^{4+}$  in 36–96% yield.

(-)-15-Aminomethyl-14-hydroxy-2,8-dithia[9](2,5)-cyclo-pyridinophane *170a* can be used as a transamination agent in the reaction with phenylpyrotartaric acid<sup>274</sup> and zinc salts as catalysts. The dithiapyridoxamine *170a* was obtained by treatment of the pyridinophane *170b* with  $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}\cdot\text{AcONa}\cdot\text{EtOH}$ , followed by reduction of the oxime *170c* formed with  $\text{NaBH}_2\text{S}_3$  in THF. The transamination is performed by mixing dithiacyclopyridinophane *170a*, sodium phenylpyrotartrate and a zinc salt in acetonitrile at room temperature for 20 hours. The maximum yield of phenylalanine is 83%.



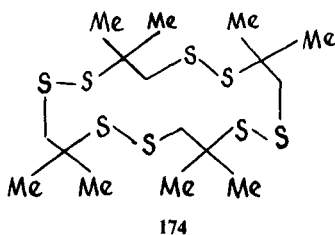
The dithiacyclophenanthrolinophanes and dithiacyclodipyridinophanes *171a*–*172b* (see Table 2) in which the pyridine rings are bridged by sulfur atom have been synthesized by reaction of 2,9-dichloro-1,10-phenanthroline or 6,6'-dichloro-2,2'-dipyridyl with sodium  $\alpha,\omega$ -dithiolates in 3-methyl-1-butanol.<sup>276</sup> These macroheterocycles do not form crystalline complexes with alkali and alkali earth metal ions. As far as heavy metals are concerned they form complexes with silver and mercury ions only.



The reaction of 2,6-dihalopyridines with sodium  $\alpha,\omega$ -dithiolates gives the dithiacyclopyridinophanes *173a* and *173b* in which the pyridine ring is bound to the polymethylene bridge via the sulfur atoms.<sup>275</sup>

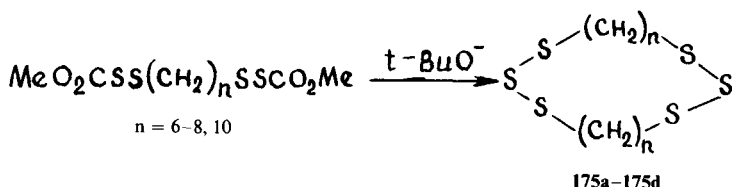
### 3. Macroheterocycles Containing Di- and Polysulfide Groups

A 16-membered macrocyclic polydisulfide containing four disulfide groups has been synthesized by treatment of the product of the addition of disulfur dichloride to isobutene with alcoholic sodium hydrosulfide (comp. *174*).<sup>277</sup>



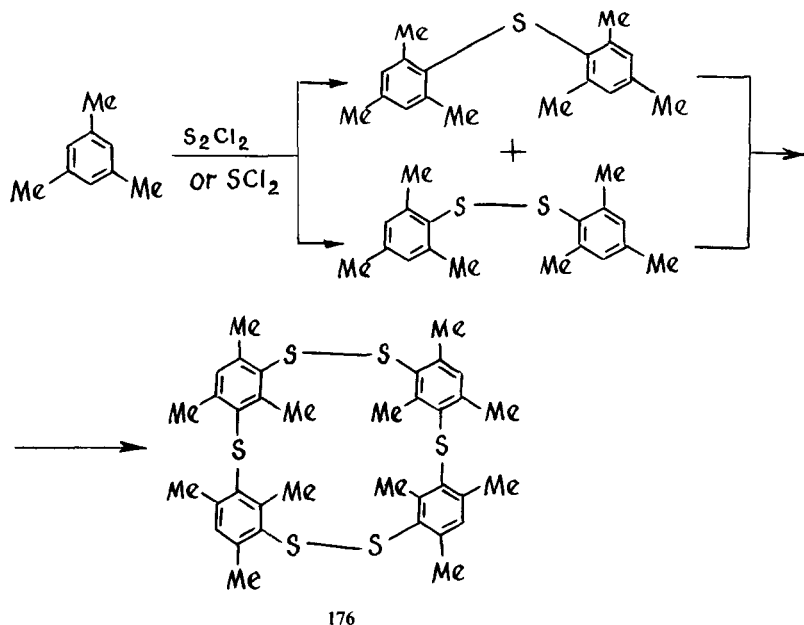
The same compound is obtained by reaction of sodium hydrosulfide with 2-chloro-2-methyl-1-propyl disulfide, methallyl disulfide, or sodium methallyl thiosulfate, the maximum yield of the macrocycle *174* being 45%.

The macroheterocycles *175a-175d* possessing two trisulfide fragments have been prepared by decomposition of  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkylene-bis(sulfenyl)-dithiocarbonates with sodium *t*-butoxide.<sup>278</sup>

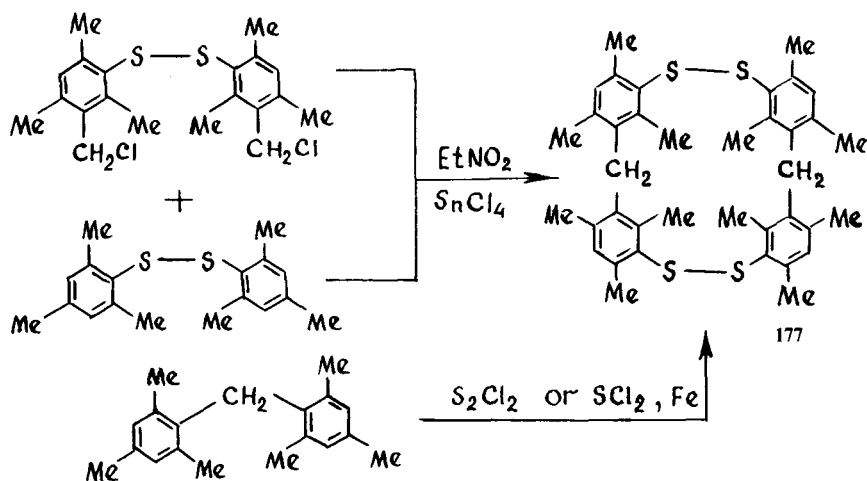


The yields of the above compounds increase with increasing chain length of the  $\alpha,\omega$ -alkylene-bis(sulfenyl)dithiocarbonates. Thus, with  $n = 6, 7, 8,$  and  $10$  the yields of the corresponding macrocycles are 16, 22, 50, and 86%, respectively.

For the synthesis of the tetranuclear hexathiacyclophane **176** containing two disulfide and two sulfide groups the sulfuration of mesitylene with disulfur dichloride and sulfur dichloride<sup>279</sup> in refluxing chloroform in the presence of iron powder was employed. In the case of  $S_2Cl_2$  the yield of **176** reaches 18% whereas with  $SCl_2$  it does not exceed 3%.

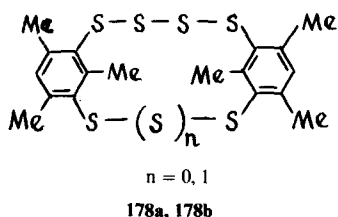


The reaction of dimesitylmethane with disulfur dichloride or sulfur dichloride under analogous conditions leads to tetrathia[2.1.2.1]metacyclophane **177** with alternating disulfide and methylene bridges (the yields are 15 and 3%, respectively.)<sup>280</sup>

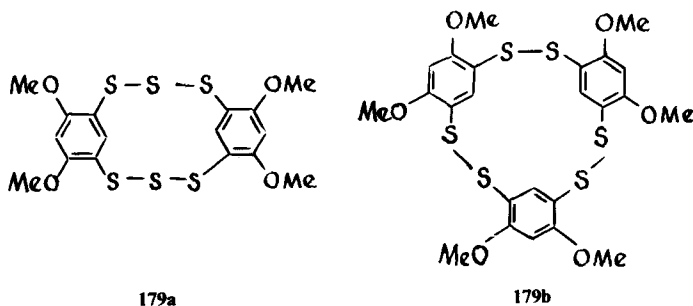




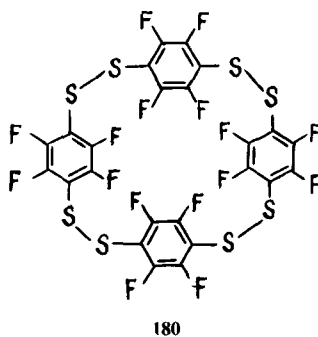
The formation of the unsymmetric hexa- and heptathiacyclophanes *178a* and *178b* in the reaction of mesitylene-2,4-dithiol with sulfur chlorides was quite unexpected.<sup>281</sup>



The reaction of 1,3-dimethoxybenzene with disulfur dichloride in the presence of iron powder has been studied both with low and high dilution of the reaction mixture.<sup>282-284</sup> In the first case, linear polysulfides have been prepared. High dilution, however, leads to a mixture of the two macroheterocycles *179a* and *179b* in 6 and 1.5% yield, respectively.

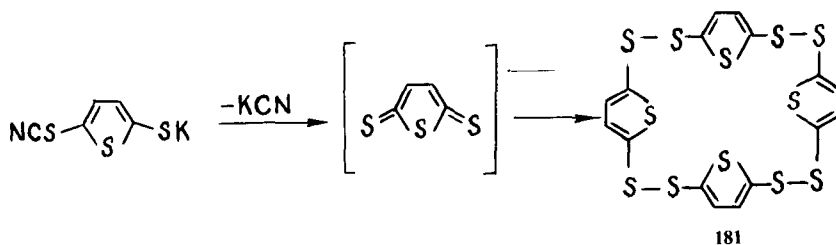


One of the synthetic routes to macroheterocyclic polysulfides is the oxidation of dithiols. Previously it has been reported that the oxidation of 1,4-benzenedithiols gives polymeric disulfides.<sup>285-287</sup> However, treatment of the above compounds with iodine in high dilution gives the macroheterocyclic compound in 30% yield.<sup>288</sup> The oxidation of 1,4-naphthalenedithiol with alkali ferricyanide also affords the macrocyclic compound.<sup>289</sup> The oxidation of tetrafluoro-1,4-benzenedithiol in dimethyl sulfoxide leads to a tetranuclear octathiacyclophane containing four disulfide groups (*180*)



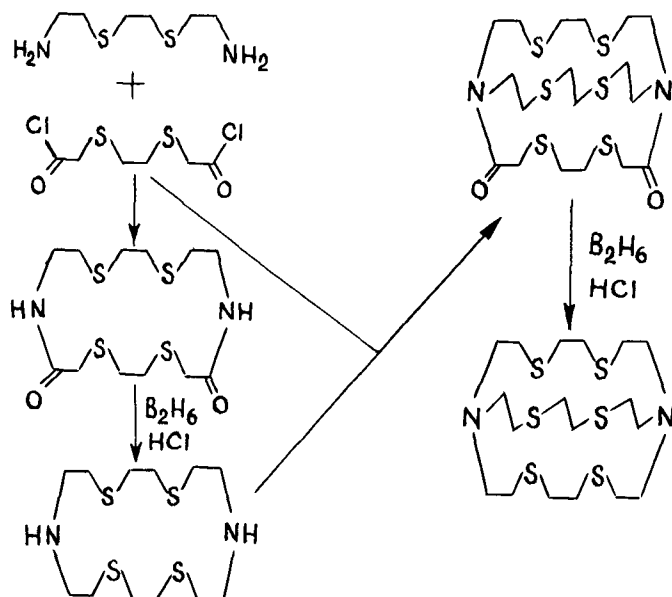
in 95% yield.<sup>290</sup> The ready formation of the macroheterocyclic system from tetrafluoro-1,4-benzenedithiol seems quite unique. In contrast, attempts to oxidize 1,4-benzenedithiol, 2,5-dimethoxy-, and tetramethyl-1,4-benzenedithiol under analogous conditions gave only polymers. It was not possible to determine the molecular weight of the tetrachloro-1,4-benzenedithiol oxidation product due to its low volatility and poor solubility.

The thiophene analog *181* of the octathiacyclophane *180* has been obtained by treatment of sodium 5-thiocyanato-2-thiophenethiolate with acetic acid and was isolated from a mixture of oligomers in low yield.<sup>227</sup>



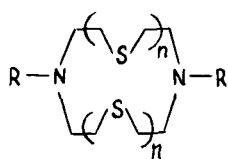
#### 4. Bi- and Tricyclic Systems

In 1969 a series of dimacrocylic polyamino ethers called cryptands was synthesized.<sup>291,292</sup> A specific feature of these compounds is the remarkable stability of their complexes with cations of numerous metals ( $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Rb}^+$ ,  $\text{Cs}^+$ ,  $\text{Tl}^+$ ,  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ , etc.). Cryptates are the complexes of bimacrocylic polyamino ethers, well soluble in water and organic solvents and more stable than

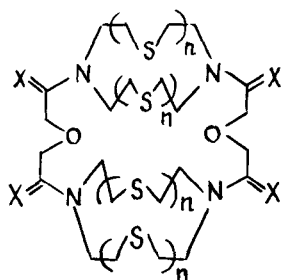


complexes of the corresponding monomacrocycles. Sulfur-containing cryptands were obtained by condensation of oxa- or thiaalkanedicarboxylic dichlorides with 3,6-dithia-1,8-diaminooctane in high dilution.<sup>293</sup> The diamides thus obtained were reduced with diborane and after hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid formed monocyclic diamines. The latter were condensed further with the above dichlorides. The bicyclic diamides formed were reduced with diborane and converted further to the bimacrocycles *182a–187b* in the same way (Table 2).

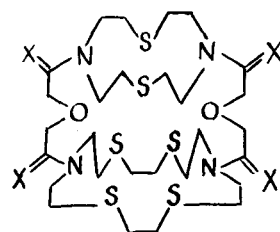
These polymacrocyclic systems can form polynuclear cryptates containing two and more metal cations in the inner cavity of the molecule. At present these systems are of special interest as models of polynuclear biological complexes or homogeneous polynuclear catalysts. A general method for constructing cylindrical trimacrocyclic systems containing different ring sizes and heteroatoms has been suggested. The complexation of the above systems with cuprous and cupric salts has been studied.<sup>294,295</sup> The synthesis of the sulfur-containing trimacrocyclic tetramide *189a* is based on the condensation of the macroheterocycle *188d* possessing reactive substituents at the nitrogen atoms with the macroheterocycle *188a*. Further reduction of the tetraamide *189a* with diborane leads to the cylindrical trimacrocyclic tetrathiatetramine *189b*. The sulfur-containing trimacrocyclic compounds *189c–190b* were obtained in a similar manner.



- 188a**  $n = 1, R = H$   
**188b**  $n = 1, R = Me$   
**188c**  $n = 1, R = COCH_2OCH_2COOH$   
**188d**  $n = 1,$   
 $R = COCH_2OCH_2COO-p-C_6H_4NO_2$   
**188e**  $n = 2, R = Me$   
**188f**  $n = 2, R = COCH_2OCH_2COOH$   
**188g**  $n = 2,$   
 $R = COCH_2OCH_2COO-p-C_6H_4NO_2$



- 189a**  $n = 1,$   
 $X = O$   
**189b**  $n = 1,$   
 $X = H_2$   
**189c**  $n = 2, X = O$   
**189d**  $n = 2, X = H_2$

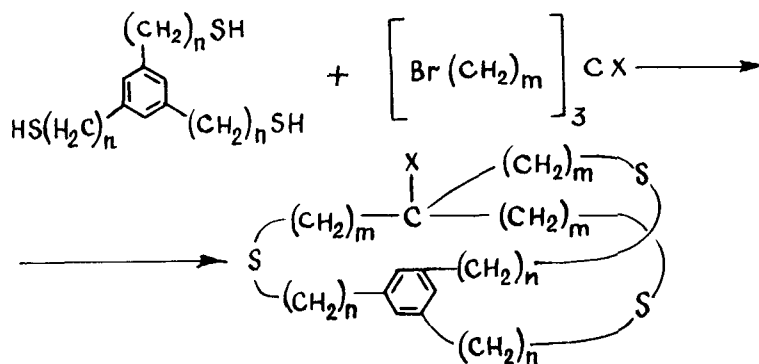


- 190a**  $X = O$   
**190b**  $X = H_2$

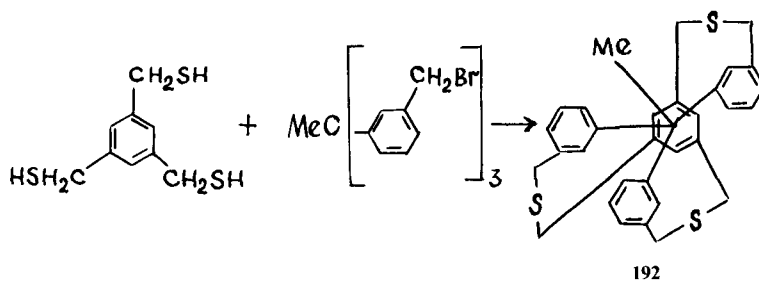
A one-step synthetic route to sulfur-containing bimacrocycles has been developed.<sup>296</sup> The compounds of this type (*191a–191e*) were prepared by reaction of 1,3,5-tris(mercaptomethyl)- or 1,3,5-tris(2-mercaptoethyl)benzene with tris-(bromoalkyl)methanes in the presence of sodium hydroxide.

The reaction of 1,3,5-tris(mercaptomethyl)benzene with methyl-[tris(4-(bromomethyl)phenyl)]methane was also used for the synthesis of the tribridged [2.2.2]cyclophane *192*.<sup>297</sup>

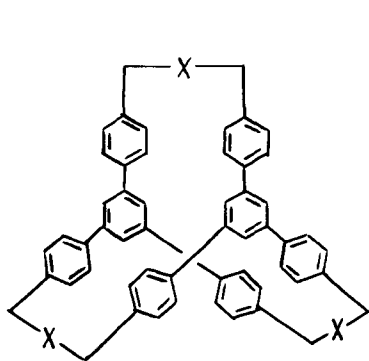
Synthetic routes to the polythiacyclophanes *193a–196* have been reported.<sup>298</sup> The reaction of 1,3,5-tris[(4-mercaptomethyl)-phenyl]benzene with 1,3,5-tris[4-(bromomethyl)phenyl]benzene affords the trithiatriphenylbenzene phane *193a* in 31% yield.



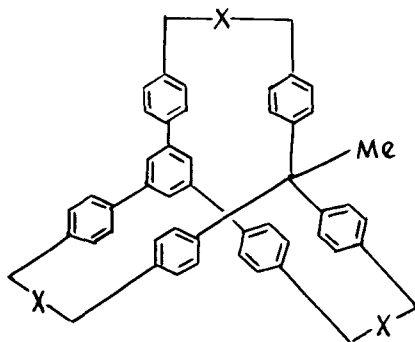
- 191a**  $n = 1, m = 3, X = H$   
**191b**  $n = 1, m = 2, X = H$   
**191c**  $n = 2, m = 3, X = H$   
**191d**  $n = 2, m = 2, X = H$   
**191e**  $n = 2, m = 1, X = Me$



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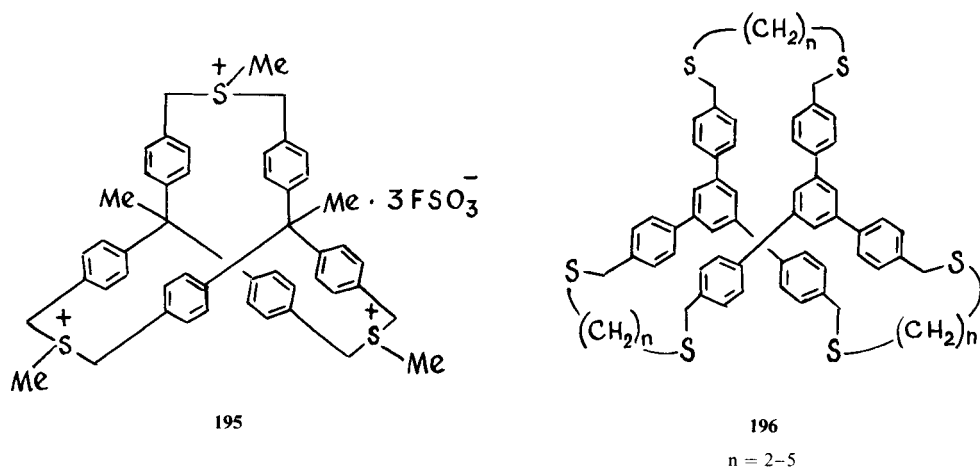


- 193a**  $X = S$   
**193b**  $X = SO_2$   
**193c**  $X = ^+SMeFSO_3^-$

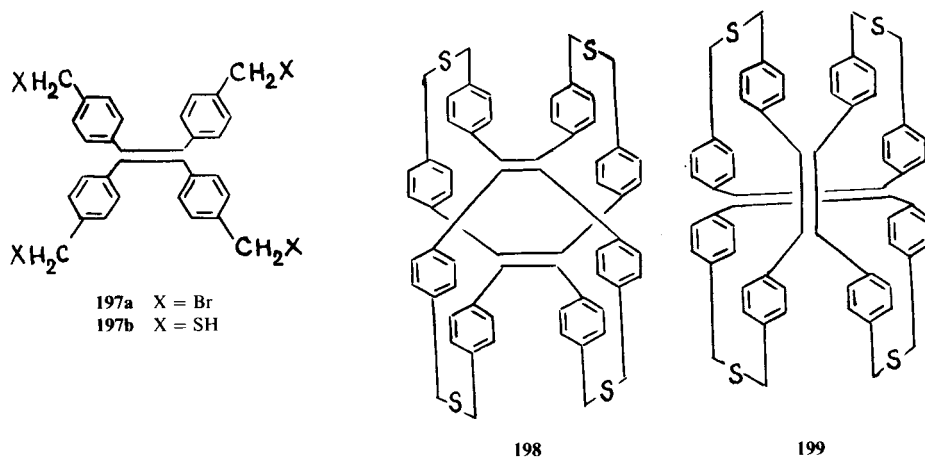


- 194a**  $X = SO_2$   
**194b**  $X = ^+SMeFSO_3^-$

The compound **196** was synthesized by reaction of 1,3,5-tris-[4-(bromo-methyl)phenyl]benzene with alkane- $\alpha,\omega$ -dithiols.



The reaction of equivalent amounts of tetrabromide **197a** and tetrathiol **197b** in high dilution gives a compound with a tetralaterally bridged tetraphenylene system, which is a mixture of two stereoisomers with parallel and orthogonal orientation of the central double bond (compounds **198** and **199**).<sup>299</sup>

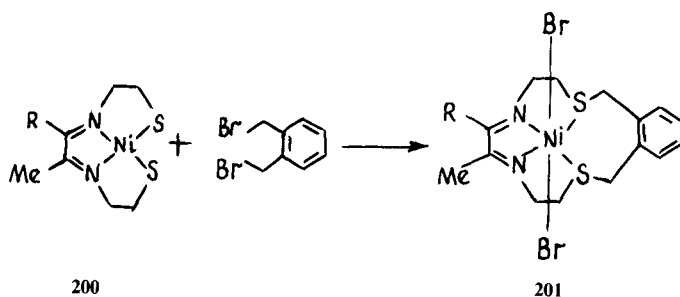


### 5. Template Synthesis of Sulfur-Containing Macroheterocycles

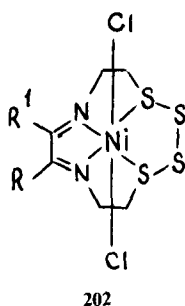
In the following a method for preparing sulfur-containing macroheterocycles called “template synthesis” or “matrix synthesis” is discussed. This method is based on

stereochemical arrangement and orientation of reagents by a metal ion or a metal-containing molecule. This allows interaction between the functional groups which under normal conditions is either hindered or impossible.<sup>32</sup>

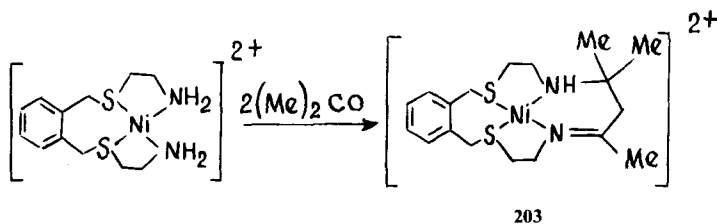
One of the examples of "template synthesis" is the reaction of  $\alpha$ -diketones with mercapto amines in the presence of nickel salts, leading to the tetradentate products **200** which, in turn, when treated with  $\alpha, \alpha'$ -dibromo-*o*-xylene, can serve as matrixes for the formation of macrocyclic rings **201**.<sup>300,301</sup>



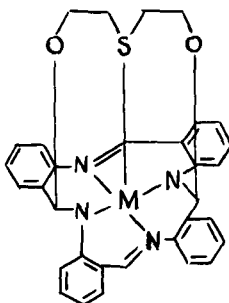
A similar reaction with disulfur dichloride yields the nickel-containing tetra-thiamacrocyloalkane **202**.<sup>302</sup>



The nickel chelate **203** is condensed with acetone according to the following Scheme:<sup>303</sup>



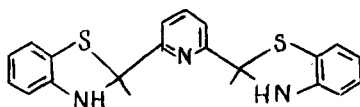
The template reaction of the above  $\text{Ni}(\text{TAAB})^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{TAAB})^{2+}$  complexes with bis(2-hydroxyethyl) sulfide leads to coordinated metal compounds with pentadentate "basket-like" macrocyclic ligands.<sup>304-311</sup>



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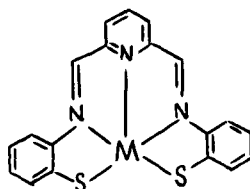
M = Cu, Ni

The product of the reaction of 2,6-diacetylpyridine with 2-aminobenzenethiol 205,



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when treated with zinc and cadmium acetate, undergoes intramolecular re-arrangement to form the complexes 206 containing a pentadentate ligand.<sup>312,313</sup>

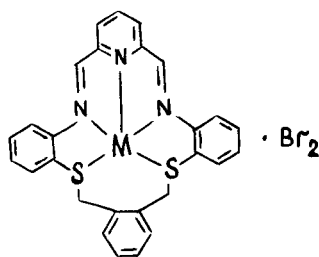


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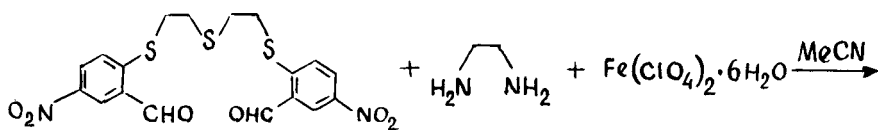
Further template reaction of these compounds with *o*-xylylene dibromide in acetone affords the metal-containing macrocycles 207.

The reaction of ethylenediamine with a solution of  $\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and the dialdehyde 208 in acetonitrile leads to the formation of the complex 209.<sup>314</sup>

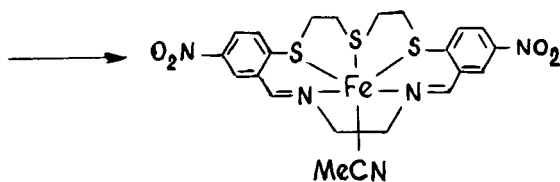


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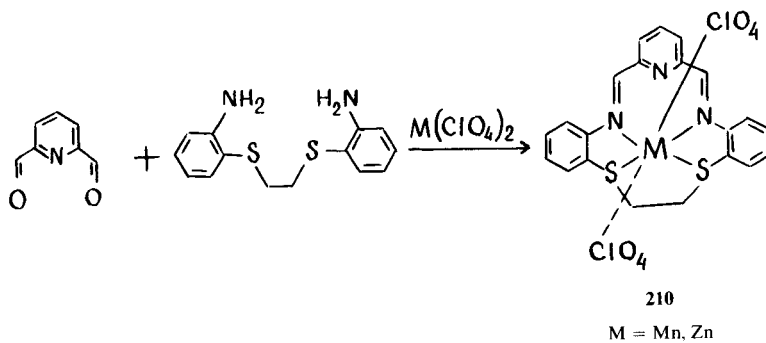


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The coordinated compound 210 with a pentadentate sulfur-containing macrocyclic ligand was synthesized according to the Scheme:<sup>315</sup>

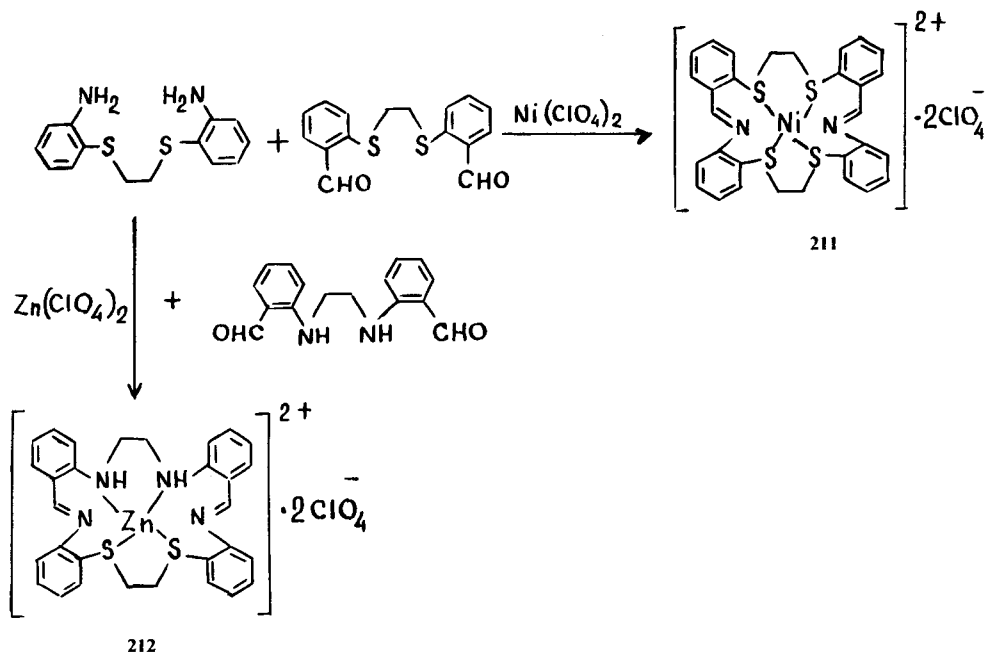


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M = Mn, Zn

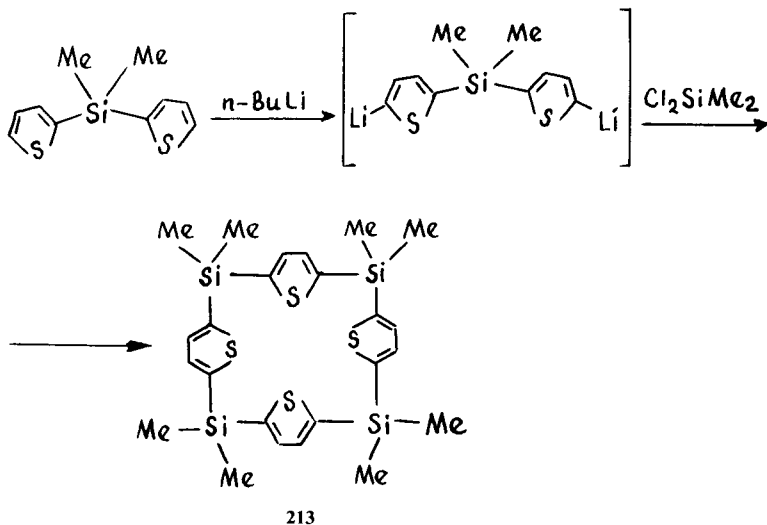
The hexadentate macrocyclic complexes 211 and 212 have been prepared by reaction of 1,2-bis(2-aminophenyl)ethane with 1,4-bis(2-formylphenyl)-1,4-dithiabutane or 1,4-bis(2-formylphenyl)-1,4-diazabutane, respectively, in the presence of nickel or zinc perchlorate.<sup>316,317</sup>





### 6. Sulfur-Containing Macroheterocycles with Heteroatoms of Inorganogenous Elements

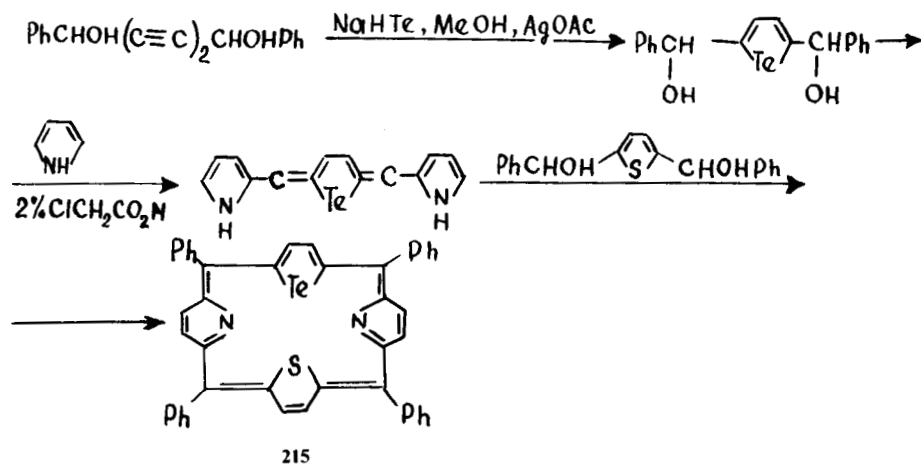
The silathiophenophane **213** has been prepared by reaction of 2,2-bis-(5-lithio-2-thienyl)-2-silapropane with dimethyldichlorosilane in tetrahydrofuran at 0 °C.<sup>319</sup>



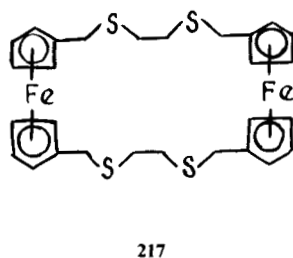
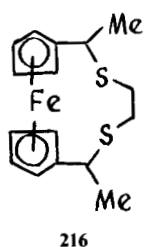
Bis(4-hydroxyphenyl) sulfide and bis(4-hydroxyphenyl) sulfone, when treated with hexamethylcyclotrisilazane, form the dithiasilaparacyclophanes **214a** and **214b**, respectively.<sup>320</sup>



The tetraphenylporphyrin **215**, containing endocyclic sulfur and tellurium atoms, has been synthesized according to the Scheme:<sup>318</sup>



The reaction of 1,1-bis(hydroxymethyl)ferrocene and 1,1-bis(1-hydroxyethyl)ferrocene with 1,2-ethanedithiol leads to the thiaferrocenophanes **216** and **217** in 34 and 39% yield, respectively.<sup>321-323</sup>



### III. STRUCTURES AND SPECTROSCOPIC CHARACTERISTICS OF SULFUR-CONTAINING MACROHETEROCYCLES AND COMPLEXES THEREOF

#### I. Oligothiamacrocycloalkanes

##### 1.1. X-Ray diffraction data

According to X-ray diffraction the  $\text{Ni}(4b)^{2+}$  ion structure possesses precisely a square-planar geometry of  $D_{4h}$  symmetry, though the ligand ring itself is strongly pleated and twisted.<sup>324</sup> Since the nickel atom is located in the center of the macrocycle the four  $\text{Ni}\leftarrow\text{S}$  bonds should be coplanar according to crystallographic requirements. The lengths of two of these bonds are equal, the  $\text{S}\text{---}\text{Ni}\text{---}\text{S}$  angle being  $90^\circ$  (Fig. 1, Table 3).

The intraatomic distances and angles in the  $\text{Cu}(4b)(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  complex are shown in Table 4. The sulfur atoms in the tetradentate macrocycle occupy four equatorially coordinated sites surrounding the  $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$  ion.<sup>325</sup> Two perchlorate anions are axially coordinated with the  $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$  ion at a distance of  $2.652(4)$  Å. The molecule is of symmetry 1 ( $C_i$ ), i.e., the  $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$  ion and four sulfur atoms are coplanar. The  $\text{Cu}(4b)(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  structure is that of a typical tetragonal  $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$  complex. As seen from Table 4, the  $\text{Cu}\text{---}\text{S}$  bond lengths are equal,  $2.297(1)$  and  $2.308(1)$  Å, while the  $\text{S}\text{---}\text{Cu}\text{---}\text{S}$  bond angles are  $90.1(4)$  and  $89.9(4)^\circ$ . This means that the coordination sphere's equatorial plane is not distorted and corresponds to  $D_{4h}$  symmetry.

In the binuclear  $(\text{HgCl}_2)_2 4b$  complex, all four sulfur atoms in the macrocycle  $4b$  are exocyclically coordinated to two mercury ions to form two five-membered chelate rings (Fig. 2). The  $\text{S}(1)\text{---}\text{Hg}\text{---}\text{S}(2)$  angle is  $83^\circ$  and the  $\text{S}(2)\text{---}\text{Hg}$  bond is longer than the  $\text{S}(1)\text{---}\text{Hg}$  bond.<sup>326,327</sup> Each mercury atom is bonded to two sulfurs and two chlorines in an approximately tetrahedral configuration. The tetrahedral configuration of the metal ion is slightly distorted by the arrangement of the chlorine atoms. This geometry is relatively common for  $\text{Hg}(\text{II})$  complexes, although the exo-conformation of the sulfur atoms in the ligand is quite unique. The preferential formation of five-membered chelate rings as opposed to the more flexible six-membered rings presents one of the most interesting features of this complex conformation (Fig. 2).

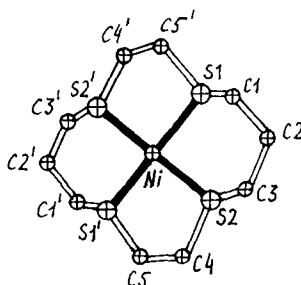


FIGURE 1 Molecular structure of the  $[\text{Ni}(4b)]^{2+}$  cation.

TABLE 3  
Intraatomic Distances and Angles in Ni(4b)(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

Bonds	r, Å	Angles	w, degr.	Angles	w, degr.
Ni—S1	2.177(1)	S1—Ni—S2	90.25(10)	F1—B—F2	111.5(4)
Ni—S2	2.175(1)	Ni—S1—C1	106.9(2)	F1—B—F3	107.9(3)
S1—C1	1.804(6)	Ni—S1—C5'	103.2(2)	F1—B—F4	111.0(5)
S1—C5'	1.821(6)	Ni—S2—C3	107.9(2)	F2—B—F3	108.8(5)
S2—C2	1.800(5)	Ni—S2—C4	103.1(2)	F2—B—F4	107.6(3)
S2—C4	1.808(5)	C1—S1—C5	102.8(3)	F3—B—F4	110.1(3)
C1—C2	1.520(8)	C3—S2—C4	102.6(2)		
C2—C3	1.519(8)	S1—C1—C2	110.6(4)		
C4—C5	1.489(8)	C1—C2—C3	115.0(4)		
B—F1	1.353(7)	C2—C3—S2	111.5(3)		
B—F2	1.343(7)	S2—C4—C5	106.8(2)		
B—F3	1.378(7)	C4—C5—S1'	106.2(2)		
B—F4	1.357(7)				

TABLE 4  
Intraatomic Distances and Angles in Cu(4b)(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

Bonds	r, Å	Angles	w, degr.	Angles	w, degr.
Cu—S1	2.308(1)	S1'—Cu—S2	89.9(4)	O1—Cl—O2	109.8(3)
Cu—S2	2.297(1)	S1—Cu—S2	90.1(4)	O1—Cl—O3	108.2(2)
Cu—O1	2.652(4)	S1—Cu—O1	97.7(2)	O1—Cl—O4	109.1(3)
S1—C2	1.831(5)	S2—Cu—O1	87.0(2)	O2—Cl—O3	109.5(3)
S1—C3	1.828(5)	Cu—S1'—Cl	100.8(2)	O2—Cl—O4	110.9(3)
S2—C5	1.829(5)	Cu—S2—C2	99.1(2)	O3—Cl—O4	109.3(2)
S2—Cl'	1.825(5)	Cu—S1—C3	104.2(2)		
C1—C2	1.528(5)	Cu—S2—C3	104.7(2)		
C3—C4	1.551(6)	Cu—O1—C1	130.3(2)		
C4—C5	1.550(6)	S1'—C1—C2	107.9(3)		
Cl—O1	1.441(4)	S2—C2—C1	107.7(3)		
Cl—O2	1.421(4)	S2—C5—C4	112.0(4)		
Cl—O3	1.443(4)	S1—C3—C4	109.3(4)		
Cl—O4	1.428(4)	C3—C4—C5	114.9(5)		

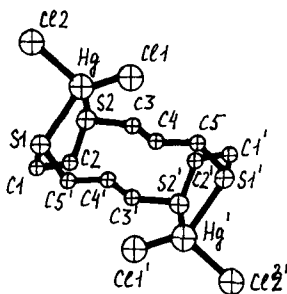


FIGURE 2 Molecular structure of the complex  $(\text{HgCl}_2)_2 \cdot 4b$ .

Thus, the X-ray diffraction evidence for Ni(II) and Cu(III) complexes with the sulfur-containing macrocycle *4b* shows that the ligand can exist in the *endo*-conformation whereas in the  $(\text{HgCl}_2)_2 \cdot 4b$  complex it is possible for it to assume the *exo*-conformation. The latter seems to be due to the fact that the greater size of two  $\text{HgCl}_2$  molecules impedes their occupation of the cavity of the macrocycle and makes the complex adopt an extended conformation.

In the molecule  $[\text{Hg}(4b)(\text{OH})_2][\text{ClO}_4]_2$  four sulfur atoms occupy the apexes of the tetragonal-pyramidal base and deviate from this pyramid by no more than  $+0.15 \text{ \AA}$ . The Hg—O vector is nearly perpendicular to this plane ( $82^\circ$ ), while the mercury atom is  $0.48 \text{ \AA}$  above the plane (Fig. 4).<sup>327</sup>

In the Hg(II) complex with the sixteen-membered macrocycle *4c* the four sulfur atoms surround the mercury ion and occupy the apexes of a square at a distance of  $2.62 \text{ \AA}$  from the metal ion. They are alternatively distorted by  $0.42 \text{ \AA}$  from the median plane. The Hg(II) ion is located nearly in the center of the square plane, being displaced from this plane by as little as  $0.04 \text{ \AA}$ . Four *cis*-S—Hg—S angles range within  $91.2$ – $91.7^\circ$  and two *trans*-S—Hg—S angles are  $159.6$  and  $163.5^\circ$ . The inner coordination sphere is supplemented with two perchlorate anions non-equivalently bound to the mercury cation. One of these anions is monodentate and coordinated to the metal anion at a distance of  $2.76 \text{ \AA}$ , the other in bidentate coordination at a distance of  $3.08$  and  $3.26 \text{ \AA}$ . Thus, the Hg(II) ion turns to be heptacoordinated, although, in general, the complex presents itself as a distorted elongated octahedron (Fig. 4).<sup>63</sup>

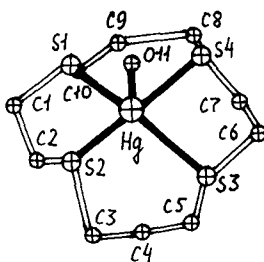


FIGURE 3 Molecular structure of the  $[\text{Hg}(4b)(\text{OH})_2]^{2+}$  cation.

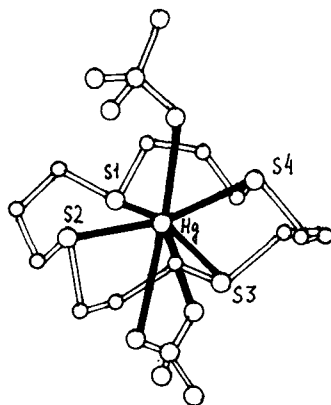


FIGURE 4 Molecular structure of the complex  $[\text{Hg}(4c)](\text{ClO}_4)_2$ .

### 1.2. $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **8b** and TTT (2,5,9,12-tetrathiatridecane) are analogous to that of **4b**. Overlapping singlet-triplet peaks at  $\delta$  2.75 p.p.m. correspond to the methylene groups attached to sulfur atoms whereas the multiplet at 2.00 p.p.m. is assigned to the methylene protons not attached to sulfur atoms.<sup>55</sup> The TTT spectrum contains one more singlet at  $\delta$  2.16 p.p.m., assigned to methyl protons, whereas the spectrum of **8b** shows two singlets at  $\delta$  7.05 and 3.60 p.p.m., assigned to aromatic and benzylic protons, respectively. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{Ni}(\mathbf{4b})(\text{BF}_4)_2$  is analogous to that of  $\text{Ni}(\text{cyclam})(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ , (cyclam is 1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane) (Fig. 5).

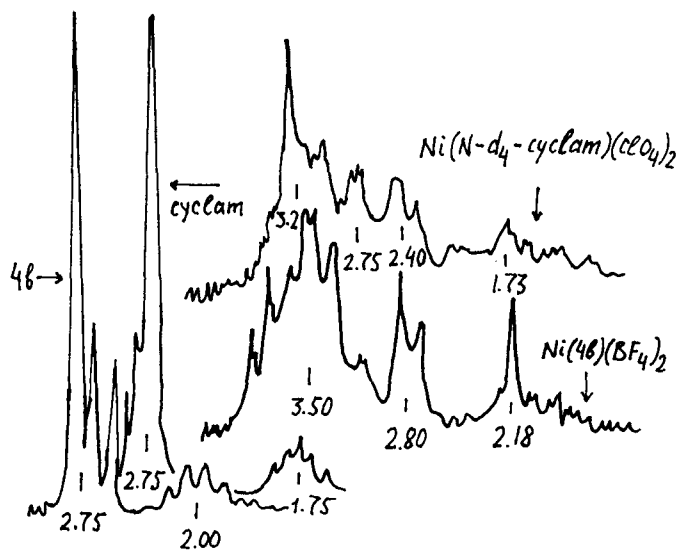


FIGURE 5 NMR spectra of **4b** and its nickel(II) tetrafluoroborate complex as compared to cyclam and its complex.

The great similarity in the spectra of these complexes indicates that the configuration of *4b* with respect to the metal is like that in the Ni complex of cyclame. The spectrum of Ni(TTT)(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> is similar in the methylene region, except that the complex TTT displays a singlet at  $\delta$  2.50 for methyl groups. The spectrum of the complex *8b*, however, contains a broad singlet at  $\delta$  7.51 p.p.m., corresponding to the aromatic protons.

### 1.3. Infrared spectra

Stretching vibrations of C—S bonds are observed in the IR spectra of macrocyclic sulfides in the 600–700 cm<sup>-1</sup> region. The C—S bands for the macrocycle *4b* are strongly split and occur in the 675–689 cm<sup>-1</sup> region. These bands disappear upon complexing.<sup>57</sup> The absorption in the 600–250 cm<sup>-1</sup> region makes it possible to distinguish *cis*- and *trans*-isomers of complexes of the general formula MA<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The spectrum of the *cis*-octahedral species displays two vibration frequencies due to the metal-chlorine bond, whereas only one vibration frequency is observed when the *trans*-structure is present.

The IR spectra of *cis*-[Co(*4b*)Br<sub>2</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> and *cis*-[Co(*4b*)Cl<sub>2</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> have been studied. The spectrum of the chloro derivative contains two bands at 260 and 336 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which are not present in that of the bromo derivative. The band position is comparable with that of two bonds of the Co—Cl bond in the *cis*-[Co(en)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]Cl (en = ethylenediamine) complex (210 and 320 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and this indicates that [Co(*4b*)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> has the *cis* structure. The spectra of both *4b* and ethylenediamine complexes contain absorption bands occurring between the above-mentioned frequencies, which are likely to be due to Co—S and Co—N stretching, respectively.

The spectra of *trans*-[Co(*8b*)Cl<sub>2</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> and *trans*-[Co(*8b*)Br<sub>2</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> have been studied. The spectrum of the chloro complex displays a strong absorption at 383 cm<sup>-1</sup> which is absent in the spectrum of the bromo derivative. This corresponds to the absorptions at 360 and 384 cm<sup>-1</sup> of *trans*-[Co(en)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]Cl and *trans*-[Co(diarsine)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]Cl, respectively.

Absorption bands at 1698, 1669, 1425, 1264, 787, and 543 cm<sup>-1</sup> are observed in the IR spectra of the [Co(*8b*)(ox)]ClO<sub>4</sub> complex containing a coordinated oxalate ion.

The infrared spectra of Rh(III) complexes with oligothiacycloalkanes are similar to those of Co(III) complexes.<sup>57</sup> The complexes [Rh(*4b*)Cl<sub>2</sub>]Cl, [Rh(*4b*)Cl<sub>2</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub>, and [Rh(*8b*)Cl<sub>2</sub>]Cl absorb intensively at 304, 288; 308, 288; 290, 280 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The presence of two absorption bands is due to the RhCl<sub>2</sub> group and associated with frequencies of the complexes with *cis*-configuration described above. There is a close similarity between the frequencies of the *cis*- and *trans*-isomers of the Co and Rh complexes (*trans*: Co 383, Rh 362 cm<sup>-1</sup>; *cis*: Co 336 and 260 cm<sup>-1</sup>; Rh 300 and 288 cm<sup>-1</sup>).

The polymeric (or dimeric) Rh complex with *4b*, [Rh(*4b*)Cl]<sub>x</sub>Cl<sub>2x</sub>, absorbs strongly at 326 cm<sup>-1</sup> with a weak band appearing on the low-energy side at 288 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### 1.4. Electronic spectra

The absorption bands of nickel complexes with *4a*, *8a*, TTD (1,5,9-trithiacyclododecane), and DTH (2,5-dithiahexane) contain three major d-d transitions,  $\nu_1$ ,  $\nu_2$ ,  $\nu_3$  (Table 5).<sup>54</sup> These transitions are assigned as follows: <sup>3</sup>A<sub>2g</sub> → <sup>3</sup>T<sub>2g</sub>

( $\nu_1$ ),  ${}^3A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g}$  (F) ( $\nu_2$ ) and  ${}^3A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g}$  (P) ( $\nu_3$ ). There is a shoulder on the low-energy side of the  $\nu_1$  transition. The origin of this shoulder is not clear, but one can speculate that it may be a transition from the ground state to the lowest-lying singlet state, i.e.,  ${}^1E_g$  (D). This may be due to a ligand distortion about the metal from the regular octahedral configuration. The  $D_q$  values calculated for these complexes from the electronic spectra are within 1040–1120  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The Racah parameters B have been calculated as well and are given in Table 5. The B values allow the complexes to be classified into two groups. Those possessing two nickel atoms in the molecule have values in the neighborhood of 900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , while the complexes with only one nickel atom in the molecule have values of about 725  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These two groups differ also in the molar extinction coefficients of their absorption bands, being are higher for the former than the latter.

The electronic spectra of Ni complexes of the general formula  $\text{Ni}(4b)\text{X}_2$  where  $\text{X} = \text{BF}_4, \text{ClO}_4, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I},$  or  $\text{NCS}$ , as well as those of  $\text{Ni}(8b)(\text{BF}_4)_2$  and  $\text{Ni}(\text{TTX})(\text{BF}_4)_2$  are shown in Table 6.<sup>55</sup> The spectra of the low-spin  $\text{Ni}(4b)(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  and  $\text{Ni}(4b)(\text{BF}_4)_2$  complexes with an intense singlet near 500 nm and a molar extinction coefficient of about 270 give evidence for a square-planar structure of these complexes. The spectra of the high-spin  $\text{Ni}(4b)\text{X}_2$  complexes ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}, \text{NCS}$ ) contain four different bands in the near infra-red and visible regions (Table 6). The spectra of solutions of these complexes in nitromethane are identical with those of the solid complexes except in the case of the  $\text{I}^-$  ion-containing complex. From the spectra

TABLE 5.

Electronic Spectra of Nickel Complexes of the Type  $\text{Ni}_n\text{L}_m(\text{BF}_4)_p$ 

L	n	m	p	$\lambda_{\text{max}}, \text{nm}$		B, $\text{cm}^{-1}$
				$\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$	solid	
8a	2	3	4	1000 sh (120)	1000 sh	907
				877 (156) $\nu_1$	892 $\nu_1$	
				526 (238) $\nu_2$	526 $\nu_2$	
4a	2	3	4	1052 sh (139)	1075	880
				952 (181) $\nu_1$	961 $\nu_1$	
				581 (67) $\nu_2$	575 $\nu_2$	
					370 $\nu_3$	
TTD	1	2	2	970 sh (12)	980 sh	713
				892 (18) $\nu_1$	900 $\nu_1$	
				571 (31) $\nu_2$	565 $\nu_2$	
					380 $\nu_3$	
DTH	1	3	2	1000 sh (22)	1031 sh	747
				900 (37) $\nu_1$	917 $\nu_1$	
				575 (33) $\nu_2$	581 $\nu_2$	
					375 $\nu_3$	



TABLE 6  
Electronic Spectra of Nickel Complexes of the Type Ni(L)X<sub>2</sub>

L	X	$\lambda_{\max}$ , nm ( $\epsilon \cdot 10^{-3}$ )		L	X	$\lambda_{\max}$ , nm ( $\epsilon \cdot 10^{-3}$ )	
		CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	solid			CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	solid
TTX	BF <sub>4</sub>	495 (268)		4b	Br	1110 (16) sh	1120
8b	BF <sub>4</sub>	510 (273)	515			939 (48)	910
		450 (142) sh	455 sh			610 (53)	590
4b	BF <sub>4</sub>	494 (263)	496	4b	Cl	1080 (25) sh	1090 sh
		416 (97.5) sh	414			940 (48)	900
4b	ClO <sub>4</sub>	492 (270)	496			610 (28)	590
		420 (100) sh	410				340
4b	I	700 (58) sh	1210	4b	NCS	1010 (34) sh	1010
		540 (315)	910			915 (54)	901
						570 (28)	570
							350

of these tetragonal complexes the  $Dq^{2y}$  value was calculated. The  $Dq^{2y}$  value for the ligand 4b ( $1070 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) is weak, but nevertheless visible.

For an octahedral complex of cobalt(III) two bands with a maximum molar extinction coefficient of about  $100^{57}$  were ascribed to the spin-allowed transitions  ${}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1T_{1g}$  and  ${}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1T_{2g}$  in the visible and near ultraviolet region, respectively. In the spectra of complexes of the type *trans*-[CoA<sub>4</sub>X<sub>2</sub>]<sup>n+</sup> with D<sub>4h</sub> symmetry, the lower-energy band splits into two components. For the *cis*-isomers, the first band splitting is so small that only one band is observed.

The [Co(4b)X<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes with X = Cl, Br, NCS, and  $\frac{1}{2}C_2O_4$  display absorption bands at 540 nm (Table 7).<sup>57</sup> The second band is observed near the 416 nm region as a shoulder of a strong absorption centered at approximately 385–357 nm. The band maxima and extinction coefficients for the first transition are given in Table 8. For comparison, the data for the *cis*-tetramine complexes of cobalt(III) in this Table are also given. The positions of the band maxima for these tetrakisulfide complexes are close to those found for *cis*-tetramine complexes and differ greatly from the spectra of the *trans*-tetramine complexes of cobalt(III) (Table 9). This confirms the assignment of a *cis*-structure of these complexes. A *cis*-configuration must be assumed for the [Co(4b)(ox)]ClO<sub>4</sub> complex because of the bidentate nature of the oxalate ligand.

The spectral difference between *cis*- and *trans*-dinitro complexes of Co(III) is less clear-cut; however, the dinitro complexes prepared by substitution on *cis*-[Co(4b)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> all gave identical visible absorption spectra and are all assumed to be *cis*.

The Co(4b)I<sub>2</sub>B(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> complex exhibits its first absorption maximum at 641 nm. The position of this band is close to those found in the spectra of *trans*-tetramine complexes of cobalt(III) (Table 9). The second component of this band splitting appears at 470 nm. Using the crystalline field model, the following spectral parameters have been calculated:  $Dq^{xy} = 2420 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $Dt = 545 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $Dq^z = 1465 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**TABLE 7**  
**Electronic Spectra of Complexes of Cobalt(III) with 4b**

Compound	$\lambda_{\max}$ , nm		
	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	solid
<i>cis</i> -[Co(4b)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]BF <sub>4</sub>	535	533	540
	420	420	429
	340		350
<i>cis</i> -[Co(4b)Br <sub>2</sub> ]BF <sub>4</sub>	550	550	550
			461
	310		390
<i>cis</i> -[Co(4b)(NCS) <sub>2</sub> ]B(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	540	540	540
	420	420	440
	298		300
<i>cis</i> -[Co(4b)(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]BF <sub>4</sub>	470	470	480
			390
			335
<i>trans</i> -[Co(4b)I <sub>2</sub> ]B(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	640	640	640
	490	490	500
	328		

**TABLE 8**  
**Electronic Spectra of Complexes of Cobalt(III) with Polyamines and Polysulfides**

Compound	Solvent	$\lambda_{\max}$ , nm ( $\epsilon$ ) <sup>a</sup>	$\lambda_{\max}$ , nm ( $\epsilon$ ) <sup>a</sup>
<i>cis</i> -[Co(en) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	530 (78)	380 (69)
<i>cis</i> -[Co(trien)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	dil HClO <sub>4</sub>	539 (130)	381 (135)
<i>cis</i> -[Co(cyclen)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	30% HCl	560 (185)	390 (165)
<i>cis</i> -[Co(cyclam)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>		558 (105)	
<i>cis</i> -[Co(4b)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	533 (654)	420
<i>cis</i> -[Co(en) <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	560 (110)	
<i>cis</i> -[Co(cyclen)Br <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	HBr	570 (180)	390 (170)
<i>cis</i> -[Co(4b)Br <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	550 (640)	
[Co(en) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )] <sup>+</sup>		500 (113)	355 (144)
[Co(cyclen)(C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )] <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	520 (245)	365 (205)
[Co(4b)(C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )] <sup>+</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	528 (579)	
<i>cis</i> -[Co(en) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	435 (182)	
<i>cis</i> -[Co(cyclen)(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	445 (355)	320 (4460)
<i>cis</i> -[Co(cyclam)(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>		465 (279)	
<i>cis</i> -[Co(4b)(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	470 (814)	
<i>cis</i> -[Co(cyclam)(NCS) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>		510 (392)	
<i>cis</i> -[Co(4b)(NCS)] <sup>+</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	540 (840)	420

<sup>a</sup>l·mole<sup>-1</sup>·cm<sup>-1</sup>

**TABLE 9**  
**Electronic Spectra of *trans*-Tetramine and *trans*-Tetrathiacycloalkane  
 Complexes of Cobalt(III)**

Compound	$\lambda_{\max}$ , nm ( $\epsilon$ ) <sup>a</sup>	$\lambda_{\max}$ , nm ( $\epsilon$ ) <sup>a</sup>
<i>trans</i> -[Co(en) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	617 (34)	388 (36)
<i>trans</i> -[Co(cyclame)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	637 (31)	431 (41)
<i>trans</i> -[Co(4 <i>b</i> )I <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	640 (820)	470 (3420)
<i>trans</i> -[Co(8 <i>b</i> )Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	630 (69)	
<i>trans</i> -[Co(8 <i>b</i> )Br <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	660 (80)	

<sup>a</sup> l·mole<sup>-1</sup>·cm<sup>-1</sup>

Comparison of the ligand parameters,  $Dq^x$  for 4*b* with those for the *trans*-tetramino complexes [Co(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [Co(en)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [Co(en)<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [Co(1,4-CT)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, and [Co(1,7-CT)Br<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 2278, 2530, 2530, 2640, and 2620 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, shows that the sulfide donor ligand can exert an in-plane ligand strength similar to that of nitrogen donor ligands.

The complexes [Co(8*b*)Cl<sub>2</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> and [Co(8*b*)Br<sub>2</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> exhibit spectra similar to that found for *trans*-[Co(4*b*)I<sub>2</sub>]B(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, with the first component of the split band at 630 and 660 nm, respectively. The second component of this spin-allowed transition is obscured by an intense charge-transfer transition, therefore calculation of ligand field parameters is not warranted.

Comparison of the extinction coefficients in the spectra of the *cis*-complexes (Table 8) shows that those of the sulfide ligand are several times larger than those of the *cis*-tetramines. This presumably reflects an increase in the covalent nature of the metal-ligand bond. Also larger extinction coefficients for the d-d transitions are predicted for *cis*-isomers and this is borne out in the case of the 4*b* and 8*b* complexes ( $\epsilon$  from 500 to 800 l·mole<sup>-1</sup>·cm<sup>-1</sup> for *cis*-isomers and  $\epsilon$  69–80 l·mole<sup>-1</sup>·cm<sup>-1</sup> for *trans*-isomers).

The spectra of the Rh(III) complexes with the tetrakisulfides 4*b* and 8*b* exhibit absorption bands analogous to those of Rh(III) *cis*-complexes with tetramines (Table 10).

### 1.5. Molar conductance

The tetrafluoroborate 2:1 complexes of Ni(II) with oligosulfides are diamagnetic electrolytes (Table 11). The thiocyanate, chloride, and bromide complexes with 4*b* are paramagnetic non-electrolytes in nitromethane solution whereas the iodine complex possesses some conduction depending on the solvent concentration.<sup>55</sup> The molar conductance values of the TTD and DTH complexes show the latter to be typical 2:1 electrolytes.<sup>54</sup> These values for the complexes 4*a* and 8*a* are considerably higher than for TTD and DTH, therefore a "dimer" structure may be assumed for these complexes.

**TABLE 10**  
**Electronic Spectra of Tetrathiacycloalkane and Cyclame**  
**Complexes of Rhodium(III)**

Compound	$\lambda_{\max}$ , nm ( $\epsilon$ ) <sup>a</sup> (H <sub>2</sub> O)
[Rh(4b)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	350 (2270), 320 sh (1900), 252 (26950)
[Rh(8b)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	350 (1935), 255 (20300)
[Rh(4b)Br <sub>2</sub> ]Br	370 (2180), 245 (24150)
[Rh(4b)I <sub>2</sub> ]I	405 (2460), 320 (8550), 245 (22550)
<i>cis</i> -[Rh(cyclame)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	354 (233), 299 (308), 207 (33900)
<i>cis</i> -[Rh(cyclame)Br <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	367 (243), 309 (871)

<sup>a</sup> l · mole<sup>-1</sup> · cm<sup>-1</sup>

**TABLE 11**  
**Magnetic Moments and Molar Conductance of Nickel(II) Complexes of the Type Ni<sub>n</sub>(L)<sub>m</sub>X<sub>p</sub>**

Compound	$\mu$ (BM)	$\Lambda$ (M <sup>a</sup> )	Compound	$\mu$ (BM)	$\Lambda$ (M <sup>a</sup> )
Ni <sub>2</sub> (4a) <sub>3</sub> (BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	3.06	318	Ni(TTD) <sub>2</sub> (BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	3.19	186
Ni <sub>2</sub> (8a) <sub>3</sub> (BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	3.07	334	Ni(DTH) <sub>3</sub> (BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	3.15	182
Ni(TTT)(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	n <sup>b</sup>	186	Ni(4b)Br <sub>2</sub>	3.18	18.1
Ni(8b)(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	n	187	Ni(4b)Cl <sub>2</sub>	3.04	23.9
Ni(4b)(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	n	194	Ni(4b)(NCS) <sub>2</sub>	3.11	27.7
Ni(4b)(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	n	189	Ni(4b)I <sub>2</sub>	3.10	concentration dependent

<sup>a</sup> ohm · cm<sup>2</sup> · mole<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>b</sup> n stands for low-spin complex

The molar conductance of Co(III)-4b and Co(III)-8b complexes in nitromethane indicates that they are typical 1:1 electrolytes.<sup>57</sup> The molar conductance of rhodium complexes is slightly lower than that of analogous cobalt (III) complexes. The rhodium complexes, however, seem to be 1:1 electrolytes as well (Table 12). This is consistent with the tetradentate ligand occupying four of the six sites of the octahedral coordination sphere of rhodium(III).

### 1.6. Magnetic properties

The Ni(TTT)(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Ni(8b)(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Ni(4b)(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, and Ni(4b)(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> complexes are low-spin ones (Table 11). The magnetic moments of other Ni(II) complexes with the oligothiacycloalkanes 4a, 4b, 8a, TTD, and DTH show those to be high-spin complexes (Table 11).<sup>54,55</sup> The magnetic moments of these compounds in both the solid form or in nitromethane solution lie within 3.0–3.2 BM.

TABLE 12

## Molar Conductance of Tetrathiacycloalkane Complexes of Cobalt(III) and Rhodium(III)

Compound	$\Lambda(M^\circ)$	Compound	$\Lambda(M^\circ)$
cis-[Co(4b)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]BF <sub>4</sub>	95	[Rh(8b)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	78
cis-[Co(4b)Br <sub>2</sub> ]BF <sub>4</sub>	92	[Rh(4b)Br <sub>2</sub> ]Br	78
cis-[Co(4b)(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]BF <sub>4</sub>	98	[Rh(4b)I <sub>2</sub> ]I	76
cis-[Co(4b)(NCS) <sub>2</sub> ]B(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	69	[Rh(4b)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]BF <sub>4</sub>	79
trans-[Co(4b)I <sub>2</sub> ]B(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	54	[Rh(4b)(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]B(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	69
[Rh(4b)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	74	[Rh(4b)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]B(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	65

<sup>a</sup> ohm · cm<sup>2</sup> · mole<sup>-1</sup>

The spin-spai red Co(III) complexes with 4b and 8b exhibit a small paramagnetism of the temperature independent type.<sup>57</sup> This indicates that the Co-containing compounds are in the 3+ oxidation state.

The magnetic moments for the [Rh(4b)X<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> complexes with X = Cl, Br, I, and NO<sub>2</sub> lie in the range 0–0.69  $\mu$  BM and are in agreement with a spin-paired d<sup>6</sup> electronic configuration of the metal ion.<sup>57</sup>

## 2. Oligothiacyclophanes and Their Analogs

### 2.1. Crystal and molecular structures of thiophenophanes

The thiophenophane 156m displays a regular C<sub>i</sub> symmetry and nearly corresponds to C<sub>2h</sub> symmetry.<sup>328</sup> The thiophene rings resemble an open envelope since the sulfur atom is by 0.196 Å displaced from the plane of the four carbon atoms. The bond lengths in the thiophene rings of thiophene, 2-thiophenecarboxylic acid, and thiophenophane 156m differ only negligibly (Table 13). The S—C(2) and C(3)—C(4) bond lengths increase in the series: 2-thiophenecarboxylic acid < thiophene < thiophenophane. The heterocycle valence angles in thiophene and 2-thiophenecarboxylic

TABLE 13

## Bond Lengths and Angles in Thiophenophane, Thiophene, and 2-Thiophenecarboxylic Acid

Bonds and angles	Thiophenophane 156m	Thiophene	2-Thiophenecarboxylic acid
S—C(2)	1.728(2)	1.714(1)	1.698(10)
C(2)—C(3)	1.369(2)	1.370(2)	1.362(11)
C(3)—C(4)	1.435(2)	1.423(2)	1.414(11)
S—C(2)—C(3)	109.5(1)	111.5(2)	111.8(5)
C(2)—C(3)—C(4)	113.3(2)	112.4(2)	112.2(7)
C(2)—S—C(5)	93.43(6)	92.2(1)	92.1(4)

acid are nearly equal. In the thiophenophane molecule, however, the angles at the S and C(3) atoms are greater and the angle at the C(2) atom is smaller than the standard value. The lower (by  $2^\circ$ ) S—C(2)—C(3) angle value is consistent with an analogous phenomenon observed in [2.2](2,5)bipyridinophane and [2.2]cyclophanes where the angles at prebridge atoms lie considerably below the normal values.

The CH<sub>2</sub>—CH<sub>2</sub> bridge geometry in the thiophenophane *156m* is characterized by a strained C—C bond length of 1.592 Å and angles of 112.3(1) and 113.5(1)° (the torsion angle being equal to 34.4°). The bond length between the sulfur atoms in the thiophene rings is 3.225(1) Å. The interatomic distances S...C(2') and S...C(5') are 3.071(1) and 3.109(1) Å, S...C(3') and S...C(4') being 3.174(1) and 3.197(1) Å, respectively. Thus, each sulfur atom in the thiophenophane *156m* lies above the median point of the opposite thiophene ring (Fig. 6).

The conformation of macrocyclic keto lactones containing a thiophene ring such as *158a*, *158c*, *158e*, and *158f* is characterized by four planar fragments, i.e., the thiophene ring, the carbonyl group plane, the lactone group plane, and the planar portion of the polymethylene chain<sup>245,250,251</sup>. The thiophene ring in compounds *158a* and *158c* is planar (Fig. 7,8). However, the external valence bonds C(14)—C(1) and C(11)—C(10) in the macrocycle deviate from the thiophene ring plane by 9.5 and 8.8°

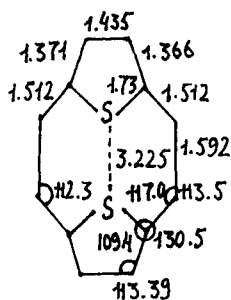


FIGURE 6 Bond lengths Å and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for thiophenophane *156m*.

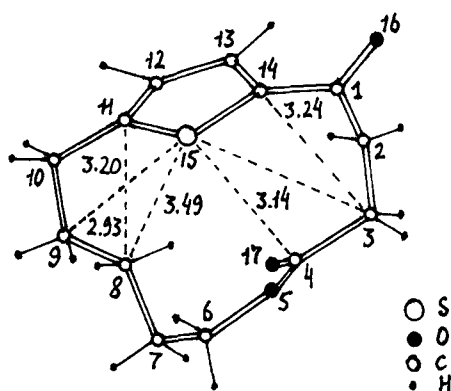


FIGURE 7 Molecular geometry of cyclophane *158a*.

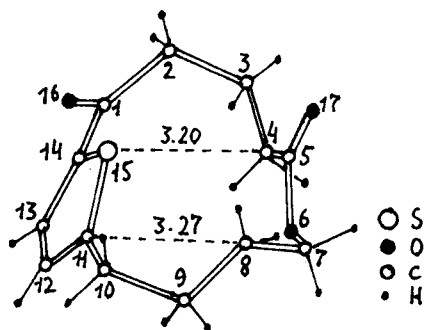


FIGURE 8 Molecular geometry of cyclophane *158c*.

for compound *158a* and by 8.6 and 6.9° for compound *158c*. This leads to displacement of atoms C(1) and C(10) by 0.24 and 0.23 Å, respectively, (*158a*) and 0.22 and 0.18 Å, respectively, (*158c*) towards the *ansa*-bridge.

The thiophene ring in compounds *158e* and *158f* is not absolutely planar. The thiophene ring non-coplanarity is clearly manifested by a 0.04 Å deviation of atoms C(11) and C(14) from the plane S(15)C(12)C(13) towards the *ansa*-bridge.

The carbonyl group planes are twisted by 19.5 (*158a*), 14.5 (*158c*), 15.8 (*158e*), and 18.4° (*158f*) with respect to the thiophene ring. This seems to be caused by intramolecular repulsion of the *ansa*-bridge atoms from the thiophene ring plane. The thenoyl fragment displays an *O,S-trans*-conformation. This is somewhat unexpected for thenoyl fragments. Acyclic thiophene derivatives containing the carbonyl group in the  $\alpha$ -position possess as a rule an *O,S-cis*-conformation.<sup>1</sup>

The C=O bond length in the thenoyl fragment is slightly larger than that of the lactone C=O bond. The C(1)-C(14) distance (1.45 and 1.46 Å) is markedly shorter than the standard Csp<sup>2</sup>-Csp<sup>2</sup> value (1.48 Å). This provides evidence for carbonyl group-thiophene ring conjugation.

The *O,S-cis*-conformation of the thenoyl fragment in *158e* is unexpected. However, according to NMR spectroscopic data including work with magnetic shift reagents (PSR), compounds *158a*, *158c*, *158e*, and *158f* in solution exhibit an *O,S-trans*-conformation. The conformational difference of compound *158e* in the crystalline state and in solution is possibly caused by the solvent effect and complexing with PSR.

The lactone group in macrocyclic keto lactones is planar and displays a *trans*-configuration. The bond lengths and the corresponding valence angles in the lactone group in the isomers *158a*, *158c*, *158e*, and *158f* are nearly equal and independent of both the group position and the ring strain.

As a result of transannular repulsion of the *ansa*-bridge atoms from the thiophene ring the polymethylene chain of the macrocycles *158a* and *158c* is expanded due to a strong deformation of the valence angles C(3), C(7), C(8), and C(9) in *158a* and C(3), C(8), and C(9) in *158c*. The C—C interatomic distances are close to the standard values of the Csp<sup>3</sup>-Csp<sup>3</sup> bond. In *158e* the *ansa*-bridge C(3) . . . C(9) displays a zig-zag form, however, some of its units are in closer contact with the thiophene ring  $\pi$ -electronic system than in compounds *158a*, *158c*, and *158f* due to the *O,S-cis*-conformation of the thenoyl fragment in *158e*.

The analysis of intramolecular contacts in compounds *158a*, *158c*, *158e*, and *158f* indicates short transannular distances. In these compounds the following atoms are very close to each other: C(11)...C(8) (2.93 Å), S(15)...C(9) (3.20 Å), S(15)...C(4) (3.14 Å), S(15)...C(8) (3.49 Å), C(14)...C(3) (3.24 Å) for *158a*; C(11)...C(8) (3.27 Å), S(15)...C(5) (3.20 Å), S(15)...C(4) (3.34 Å) for *158c*; C(11)...C(8) (2.98 Å), C(13)...C(6) (3.28 Å), C(11)...O(7) (2.95 Å), C(12)...C(6) (3.37 Å), C(14)...C(5) (3.28 Å) for *158e*. The right moiety of the molecule *158f* is not hindered sterically since the intramolecular distances are close to the sums of the van der Waals radii for the corresponding atoms. At the same time, the molecular moiety on the left from the lactone group is considerably hindered due to steric factors, i.e., the transannular distances C(11)...O(8) and S(15)...O(8) (2.94 and 3.12 Å, respectively) are much smaller than the sums of the van der Waals radii.

The intermolecular contacts in the crystal lattice of these compounds are close to the sums of the van der Waals radii of the corresponding atom pairs; no anomalously short intermolecular distances are observed. There are molecules of two mirror-rotation forms in the crystal lattices of *158c* and *158f*.

### 3. Macroheterocycles Containing Endocyclic Di- and Polysulfide Groups

#### 3.1. X-Ray diffraction

According to the X-ray pattern compound *174* contains four nearly planar S—C—C—S groups<sup>277</sup>. Two sulfur atoms in the planar S—C—C—S fragment are in the *trans*-position to each other, the CH<sub>2</sub> and C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> groups being criss-cross with respect to the two bonded CH<sub>2</sub>SSC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> groups. The carbon atoms of the CH<sub>2</sub> groups deviate from the least-square S—C—C—S plane. The hydrogen atoms, 2.7–2.8 Å apart, are turned inside towards the center of the ring. These values are slightly greater than hydrogen van der Waals radii (2.4 Å), therefore *174* is relatively free from steric hindrance. This macroheterocycle contains bonds of four types: S—S, S—CH<sub>2</sub>, S—C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>—C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. Thus, the X-ray diffraction study of this compound shows that *174* is a symmetric 16-membered cyclic tetramer of C<sub>i</sub> symmetry.

#### 3.2. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral parameters of hexathia[3.3]metacyclophane *179a* include two signals of intraannular and external phenylene protons in the aromatic regions<sup>283</sup>.

The intraannular aryl protons resonate at very low field ( $\delta$  8.26–8.40 ppm) as compared with the signals of the corresponding protons in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2,11-dithia[3.3]metacyclophane ( $\delta$  6.63 ppm) and 1,3,10,12-tetrathia[3.3]-metacyclophane ( $\delta$  7.2 ppm). These low-field absorptions are indicative of a *syn*-conformation of hexathia[3.3]metacyclophane *179a* (Fig. 9). This is confirmed by X-ray structural data of this compound and by the absence of temperature-variable dependences of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral parameters.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral parameters of the intraannularly methyl substituted polythiametacyclophanes *178a* and *178b* contain signals of methyl groups of three



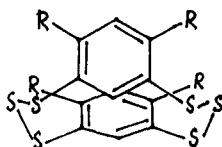


FIGURE 9 *syn*-Conformation of metacyclophane 179a.

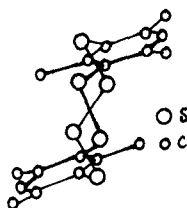


FIGURE 10 *anti*-Conformation of metacyclophane 178a.

types<sup>281,283</sup>. Taking into account a supplementary deshielding effect of neighboring sulfur atoms, the lower-field signals ( $\delta$  2.71 and 2.78 ppm for 178a and 178b, respectively) may be attributed to methyl groups attached to the tetrasulfide bridge and the other signals ( $\delta$  2.55 for 178a and 2.63 ppm for 178b) to the methyl groups bonded to the disulfide or trisulfide bridge, respectively. Despite the deshielding effect of the surrounding sulfur atoms the intraannular groups resonate at higher field ( $\delta$  1.78 ppm and 2.08 ppm in 178a and 178b, respectively) than the corresponding protons in 2,4-bis(methylthio)mesitylene ( $\delta$  2.90 ppm). These protons are likely to be shielded by the opposite aromatic rings. Thus, the *anti*-conformation shown in Fig. 10 is most probable for compound 178a.

For compound 180 four possible conformations have been suggested: *cis*, *trans*, alternation of *cis* and *trans*, and *cis-cis-trans-trans*. According to <sup>19</sup>F NMR evidence, conformational transformations of 180 do occur within the temperature range  $-60 - +140$  °C. At 26 °C broadened peaks of equal area in the  $-128.8$  and  $-132.7$  ppm region appear. Besides, a minor peak (15% of the area of any major peak at  $-129.9$  ppm) is observed. The fourth signal occurs as a higher field inflection of the peak at  $-128.8$  ppm. With increasing the temperature to  $+55$  °C and higher, a single peak at  $-131.2$  ppm appears. When the temperature drops again to  $+26$  °C and further to  $-65$  °C all peaks appear. The different width and form of these peaks are indicative of F-F interaction. This interaction is clearly manifested as a limited rotation of phenyl rings at low temperatures. The calculated rotational energy barrier is 18.2 kcal/mole. Thus, it is assumed that the two major peaks are caused by two different sets of fluorines which all can be involved in either *cis*- or *trans*-conformation.

#### 4. Tricyclic Systems

##### 4.1 X-Ray diffraction data

According to the X-ray diffraction data the complex 189b contains two Cu(II) ions localized inside the molecular cavity of the macrocyclic ligands<sup>295</sup>. Each cation is

attached to two nitrogens, two sulfurs, and one oxygen atom. The molecule possesses a center of symmetry and the shape of a distorted tetragonal pyramid in which the metal ion is displaced by approximately 0.34 Å from the main N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> plane towards the axial oxygen atom. The lengths of the four Cu—N and the four Cu—S bonds range within 2.020(5)–2.058(5) and 2.306(1)–2.331(1) Å, respectively. The interatomic Cu(1)–O(4) and Cu(2)–O(16) bond lengths are 2.291(5) and 2.283(4) Å, respectively. The Cu(1) . . . Cu(2) distance is 5.621 (1) Å, the O(4) . . . O(16) distance being 4.211 Å. All this gives evidence for the existence of a large cavity between the two copper cations into which a suitable diatomic molecule can be inserted.

#### 4.2 Electronic spectra

The sulfur-containing macrotricyclic compounds *189b*, *189d*, and *190b* form 1:2 ligand-copper(I) and ligand-copper(II) perchlorate complexes<sup>294</sup>. The complexes *189b*, *189d*, and *190b* with copper(I) ion are colorless, those with copper(II) ion are intensely violet, green, and blue, respectively. The addition of copper(II) perchlorate to *189b* in a ratio 1 : 1 gives first a green solution ( $\lambda_{\max}$  575 nm) and then, in a ratio of 2 : 1, a violet solution ( $\lambda_{\max}$  555 nm). The addition of one equivalent of copper(I) perchlorate and one equivalent of copper(II) perchlorate to the unsymmetric ligand of *190b* affords a mixed complex. The electronic spectra show that the Cu(I) and Cu(II) cations seem to be localized in the 18- and 12-membered rings of the macrocycle, respectively. So the interaction of *189b*, *189d*, and *190b* with Cu ions leads to the formation of binuclear cylindric macrotricyclic cryptates. The distances between the copper ions in the binuclear complexes *189b*, *189d*, and *190b* are 5.7 and 6.0 Å, respectively, as is evident from X-ray diffraction analysis. Thus, the macrocyclic cryptates synthesized have some free space for a molecule of appropriate size and binding ability to be inserted between the metal cations. The insertion of the molecule (O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, etc.) between two metal cations in the binuclear complexes leads to cascade complexes possessing some interesting properties both in binuclear catalysis and in oxygen or nitrogen fixation.

## IV. CONCLUSION

*Oligomacrocycloalkanes* The X-ray diffraction and spectroscopic data provide evidence that sulfur-containing macrocyclic ligands can assume both an *endo*- and an *exo*-conformation. Small transition metals form complexes of the *endo* type such as NiL(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and CuL(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> where the macrocycles are tetradentate and the complexes centrosymmetric square-planar tetragonal, respectively. With large ions [Co(III) and Rh(III)] the ligand remains *endo*-tetradentate, but the macrocycle undergoes bending which leads to a *cis*-geometry in complexes of the type *cis*-[MLX<sub>2</sub>]Y (X = halide ion, Y = monovalent ion). The macrocycle undergoes bending in those cases where its cavity is not large enough to allow the macrocycle to be coordinated to a metal in the planar conformation.

And, at last, in complexes of HgCl<sub>2</sub> with sulfur-containing macrocycles the ligand is turned inside out and exhibits an *exo* conformation. The coordination is achieved by two mercury ions, each being attached to two sulfur atoms. The remarkable flexibility

and variety of forms adopted by sulfur-containing macrocycles make them sharply different from nitrogen-containing analogs such as cyclame, for example, which exists predominantly in the *endo*-conformation. This seems to be partially due to the greater size of the releasing sulfur atoms in the ring which favors the formation of the *exo*-form. The ability of cyclame to form hydrogen bonds with its basic donating nitrogen atoms represents the main difference between these ligands. The investigation of the thermodynamics in solution has revealed that the hydrogen bonds are of great importance in complexing since they make the macrocyclic effect more pronounced for cyclame as compared with oligothiamacrocycles.<sup>329</sup>

*Oligothiacyclophanes* So, the important features of *158a*, *158c*, *158e*, and *158f* are that the bonds attached to the thiophene ring are displaced from its plane; the *O,S*-transoid conformation of the thenoyl fragment (*O,S*-cisoid conformation for compound *158e*), and the twist of the ketone group with respect to the thiophene ring. The valence angles at the methylene carbons are enhanced and the lactam groups display *trans*-configuration which favors a greater steric extension of the bridge. The above facts provide evidence for a conformation in which the *ansa*-bridge atoms are most distant from the thiophene ring  $\pi$ -electronic system, the valence bonds and torsion angles being least strained. In spite of all this, however, the molecules remain sterically hindered which leads to short transannular distances.<sup>251</sup>

*Macroheterocycles containing polysulfide groups* The study of the stereochemistry of hexathia[3.3]metacyclophanes has shown that conformational advantages are determined, first of all, by the nature of the trisulfide bridges. It is reported in the literature<sup>330</sup> that the polysulfide chains in polythionic compounds are arranged in such a conformation that the dihedral angles of adjacent sulfur atoms are within 74–110°. This is explained by repulsion of unpaired electron pairs of adjacent sulfur atoms for which the energy minimum is achieved at dihedral angles of 90°. The X-ray diffraction data of *179a* indicates that the C—S—S—S dihedral angles of this compound are close to 90°. On the other hand, the suggested *anti*-conformation for *179a* is scarcely probable since it requires the absence of dihedral C—S—S—S angles close to 90°. This interpretation supports the results of the reaction of mesitylene-2,4-dithiol with sulfur chlorides which leads exclusively to the formation of the unsymmetric metacyclophanes *178a* and *178b*. These data show that the *syn*-conformation in *178a* and *178b* does not seem possible due to reciprocal steric repulsion of the bulky substituents in positions 9 and 18. Therefore the compounds formed adopt the preferable *anti*-conformation in these cases.

*Tricyclic systems* Macrotricyclic ligands can form polynuclear cryptates including such with two or more metal cations in their intramolecular cavity. At present, these systems are of great interest as models of both polynuclear biological complexes and polynuclear catalysts. Introduction of a substrate (O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, etc.) between two metal cations in binuclear complexes leads to cascade complexes. The addition of KO<sub>2</sub> or O<sub>2</sub> gives rise to the appearance of absorption bands at 330, 370, and broad absorption at 550–850 nm in the electronic spectra of 2Cu(II)*189b* and 2Cu(I)*189b*. These spectral

changes are possible when superoxides and oxygen are involved in the binuclear complex. Thus, the complexing of macrotricyclic ligands affords a new type of homo- and heteronuclear complexes of transition metals, potential bioinorganic models of biological processes (copper proteins, superoxide dismutation, etc.).

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