

with 4 mol of tetrachloropyrazine⁵ (50% and 32%, respectively). The low solubility of **4** led us to **5**, whose dimerization was most conveniently studied. Vapor pressure osmometry showed that **5** at 27 °C in CHCl₃ (7.8–31 mM concentrations) gave molecular weights of 2665 ± 270, closer to that of dimer (2808) than of monomer (1404). In CDCl₃ at -18 °C, the 360-MHz ¹H NMR spectrum of monomer **5** gave δ 2.19 for the two up-methyls and δ 2.43 for the two out-methyls, whereas these respective signals moved to δ 1.69 and 2.63 in dimer. Irradiation of the δ 2.63 peak (500 MHz at -18 °C) produced -3% enhancements of the δ 1.69 peak. Irradiation of the δ 1.69 peak was unfruitful because it was partially obscured by water peaks. Control irradiations of aryl protons gave -3 to -10% enhancements.⁶ Negative enhancements are frequently encountered in large molecules.⁷ Intermolecular distances between up-methyls and out-methyls in CPK models of **5-5** are <5 Å. We concluded that **5-5**^{2a} is structured much like **1-1**, whose crystal structure is known.^{2b} Similar differences in ¹H NMR chemical shifts for **1** and **1-1** were observed.

Association constants (K_a , M⁻¹) and $-\Delta G^\circ$ values for **5** + **5** ⇌ **5-5** were measured by employing 360-MHz ¹H NMR spectral differences between monomer and dimer. At -46 °C, $-\Delta G^\circ$ (kcal mol⁻¹) values varied with solvent as follows: CD₃C₆D₅, 3.5; CDCl₃, 4.1; CD₂Cl₂, 4.3. At -18 °C, they varied as follows (solvent %, v/v): 100% CDCl₃, 4.1; 75% CDCl₃-25% (CD₃)₂CO, 5.1; 75% CDCl₃-25% CD₃NO₂, 5.3; 75% CDCl₃-25% CD₃OD, >5.6 kcal mol⁻¹. Values of k_a (M⁻¹) for **5** dimerization in CDCl₃ changed with temperature (K) as follows: 2300 (263); 3070 (253); 4520 (241); 5270 (237); 7090 (227). The least-squares line ($r > 0.99$) of a van't Hoff plot provided $\Delta H^\circ = -3.8 \pm 0.5$ kcal mol⁻¹ and $\Delta S^\circ = 1.1 \pm 3$ eu. Similar plots from data obtained in 90% CDCl₃-10% (CD₃)₂CO (v/v) and 90% CDCl₃-10% CD₃OD (v/v) gave, respectively: ΔH° , -4.0 ± 0.5 and -3.7 ± 0.5 kcal mol⁻¹; $\Delta S^\circ = 2 \pm 3$ eu and 3 ± 3 eu. Typical entropy changes for host-guest complexation in organic solvents usually range from -11 to -15 eu.⁸ Molecular model examination of **5** and **1** suggests that each face can be solvated by up to 9 mol of CDCl₃, which is released to solvent upon dimerization. Decollocation of many solvent molecules probably pays the entropic cost of collecting and rigidifying two monomers during dimer formation. Thus the full $-\Delta H^\circ$ values are felt in the $-\Delta G^\circ$ binding values.

The ArCH₃ signals at 2.62 ppm (**5-5**) and 2.48 ppm (**5**) coalesced at 12 ± 5 °C, providing a ΔG^\ddagger for dimer dissociation of 14.0 ± 0.3 kcal mol⁻¹ and $k_{-1} = 106$ s⁻¹, which coupled with K_a gives $k_1 = 1.4 \times 10^5$ M⁻¹ s⁻¹. We attribute the remarkably slow dissociation to the absence of incremental solvation-desolvation of faces involved in dimerization. The locking of four CH₃ groups into four cavities in the dimer^{2b} inhibits monomer-to-monomer slippage. Insertion of one solvent molecule between the rigid dimer faces (clamlike opening) largely dissipates attractive forces.

Similar measurements applied to **1** + **1** ⇌ **1-1** at 500 MHz in CDCl₃ provided these values at 12 °C: $K_a = 87\,000 \pm 30\%$ M⁻¹; $-\Delta G^\circ$, 6.6 ± 0.2 kcal mol⁻¹. Similar experiments applied to mixtures of **1** and **5** at -18 °C (500 MHz) in CDCl₃ provided the following: for **1** + **1** ⇌ **1-1**, $K_a = 650\,000 \pm 30\%$ M⁻¹ and $-\Delta G^\circ = 6.9 \pm 0.2$ kcal mol⁻¹; for **1** + **5** ⇌ **1-5**, $K_a = 263\,000 \pm 30\%$ M⁻¹ and $-\Delta G^\circ = 6.3 \pm 0.2$ kcal mol⁻¹; for **5** + **5** ⇌ **5-5**, $K_a = 3100 \pm 30\%$ M⁻¹ and $-\Delta G^\circ = 4.1 \pm 0.2$ kcal mol⁻¹. In mixtures

of **2** with either **1** or **5**, no **2-1** or **2-5** formation was observed.⁹ Extrapolations of our $-\Delta G^\circ$ values using Diederich's¹⁰ correlations ($-\Delta G^\circ$ changes for a cyclophane host binding pyrene with solvent formation) suggest that, in pure CH₃OH, $-\Delta G^\circ$ values for **1-1** formation could be ≈11 kcal mol⁻¹ and, in H₂O ≈14 kcal mol⁻¹.

Our study, coupled with others (e.g., Diederich's,^{8d} Still's,¹¹ and Whitlock's¹²), indicates that, given appropriate preorganization, complementarity, and binding surface sizes of host-guest systems, high and variable binding free energies are observed in organic solvents, with solvophobic driving forces playing highly significant roles.

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Spontaneous Assembly of a Double-Helical Binuclear Complex of 2,2':6',2'':6'',2''':6''',2''':6''',2''':6''''-Sextipyridine

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Double-helical molecules have attracted interest since DNA was demonstrated to adopt this molecular topology.¹ Until recently, this geometry was rare in inorganic coordination compounds,² although we³ and others⁴ have demonstrated the spontaneous assembly of double-helical complexes containing polypyridine ligands. We have probed the structural requirements for the formation of double-helical complexes and have demonstrated that it arises when a conjugated polydentate ligand interacts with a metal ion that is too small for the bonding cavity occurring in a *planar* ligand configuration. We have also shown that π -stacking interactions play a crucial role in dictating the stability of the double-helical geometry.

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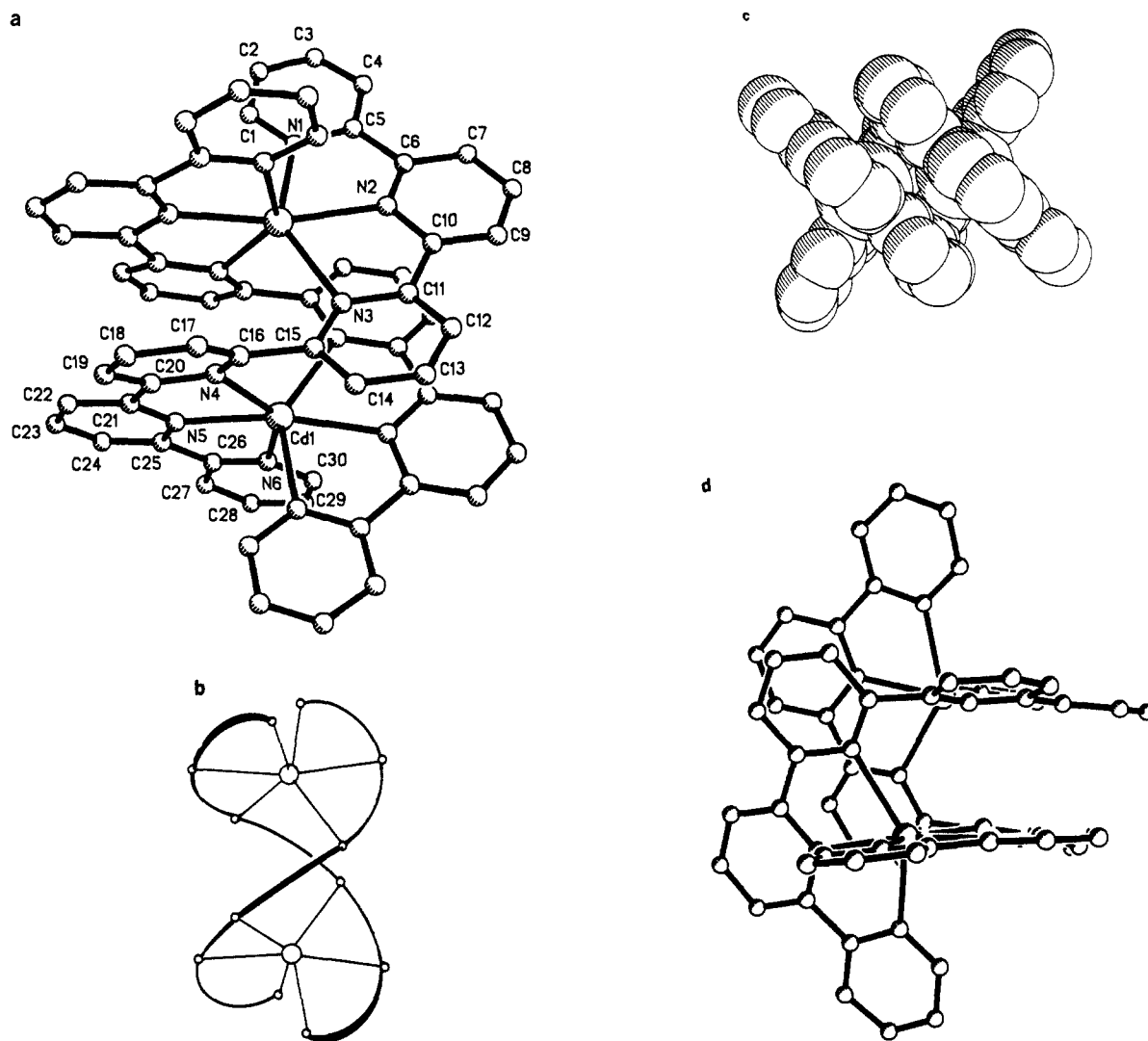
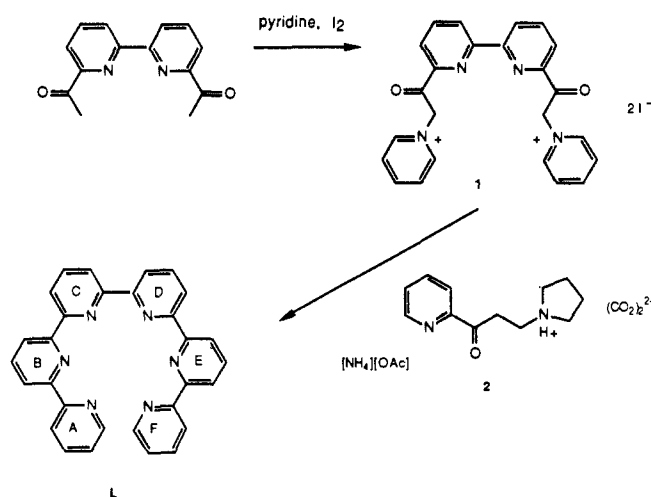


Figure 1. (a) A view of one of the two enantiomeric $[\text{Cd}_2\text{L}_2]^{4+}$ cations in $[\text{Cd}_2\text{L}_2][\text{PF}_6]_4 \cdot 4\text{MeCN}$: Cd(1)–N(4), 2.376 (8) Å; Cd(1)–N(6), 2.355 (9) Å; Cd(1)–N(2A), 2.301 (6) Å; Cd(1)–N(5), 2.301 (7) Å; Cd(1)–N(1A), 2.335 (6) Å; Cd(1)–N(3A), 2.403 (6) Å (atoms labeled "A" are generated by symmetry). (b) A cartoon diagram of the same cation. (c) An alternative space-filling depiction of the cation, emphasizing the double-helical character. (d) A view illustrating the π -stacking interactions.

Scheme I



Studies with 2,2':6',2'':6'',2''':6'''-quinquepyridine³ led us to propose that 2,2':6',2'':6'',2''':6'''-sexipyridine (L) should form double helical complexes with second- and third-row transition elements in which each metal is in an N_6 environment. The required ligand was prepared as indicated in Scheme I,⁵ with

the key step being the simultaneous preparation of rings 2 and 4 in a Kröhnke-type synthesis.⁶ The reaction of L with a variety of metal ions was investigated, and complexes of stoichiometry $\{M_2L_2\}$ (from FAB mass spectroscopy) were obtained with copper(II), manganese(II), iron(II), palladium(II), ruthenium(II), and cadmium(II). The reaction of cadmium(II) acetate with L in methanol, followed by the addition of ammonium hexafluorophosphate and recrystallization from acetonitrile, yields $[\text{Cd}_2\text{L}_2][\text{PF}_6]_4 \cdot 4\text{MeCN}$,⁷ which molecular modeling indicates should possess a double-helical binuclear structure.

We have structurally characterized the complex, and the crystal and molecular structure of the $[\text{Cd}_2\text{L}_2]^{2+}$ cation is shown in Figure 1a.⁸ The cation possesses a binuclear double-helical geometry,

(5) A mixture of **1** (1.0 g, 1.53 mmol),⁹ **2** (0.91 g, 3.06 mmol),¹⁰ and ammonium acetate (4 g) in 50 mL of aqueous methanol (1:1, 50 mL) was heated to reflux for 12 h. The crude product was collected by filtration, dried, added to toluene, and heated to reflux for 10 min with activated charcoal. The suspension was filtered hot through Celite, to give a yellow solution. Most of the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator, and the residue was triturated with methanol and cooled to -40°C ; L precipitated and was collected by filtration as a cream-colored powder (114 mg, 16%): EI mass spectrum, m/z 464. The compound is too insoluble to obtain satisfactory ^1H NMR spectra in any solvent other than $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{D}$, in which very broad resonances are observed.

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with no short contacts to the hexafluorophosphate counterions. The double-helical geometry is emphasized in the sketch of the molecule presented in Figure 1b. The two cadmium atoms are in irregular six-coordinate N_6 environments, with all Cd-N distances in the expected range 2.301 (6)–2.403 (6) Å. The intramolecular Cd(1)–Cd(1A) distance is 4.173 (4) Å and is dictated by the conformation of the ligand set. It is worthy of note that this metal–metal distance is actually shorter than that of 4.503 (2) Å observed in the complex $[Cu_2(L^1)_2(OAc)] [PF_6]_3$ ($L^1 = 2,2':6',2''':6''',2''''':6''''',2''''''':6'''''''$ -quinquepyridine)³ and is dictated by the double-helical arrangement of the ligands. The double-helical geometry is achieved by a twist of 57.3° between rings C and D such that each ligand presents a terpyridyl donor set to each cadmium ion. Each terpyridyl moiety is approximately planar, with interplanar angles between adjacent rings in the range 2.0–13.2°. A stacking interaction is observed between terpyridyl fragments of the two ligands, with closest interplanar contacts between rings B and C' (3.736 Å) and rings D and E' (3.561 Å); all other interplanar contacts are greater than 4.0 Å. These structural features are seen in the space-filling representation of the cation presented in Figure 1c. We consider that the stacking interaction observed between the aromatic ligands is the most important feature in the formation of the double-helical geometry, and this interaction is emphasized in Figure 1d. This is the first example of a double-helical binuclear complex incorporating two near-octahedral six-coordinate metal ions coordinated to the helicate-forming ligand, although the binding of ancillary ligands in the case of nickel(II) and cobalt(II) complexes of quinquepyridine allows the formation of two six-coordinate sites. In contrast, the complex cation $[Pd_2(\text{quinquepy})_2]^{4+}$ contains two five-coordinate metal ions.¹¹ The ¹H NMR spectrum of the complex indicates 10 magnetically distinct proton resonances, strongly suggesting that the double-helical geometry (which results in local D_2 symmetry about each metal ion) is maintained in solution. The complex is electrochemically inert, merely exhibiting irreversible absorption processes at moderate negative potentials.

The crystal-structural analysis confirms our predictions that the sexidentate ligand L allows the preparation of binuclear double-helical complexes with second-row (and third-row) transition elements, and we are currently investigating the properties of the ruthenium(II) complexes.¹²

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[2₂](1,5)Cyclooctatetraenophane

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The view has long been held that [2_n]cyclophanes constructed of decks possessing $4n$ π -electrons or a combination of decks with $4n$ and $(4n + 2)$ π -electrons will differ intrinsically in chemical properties from structural counterparts where both decks have $(4n + 2)$ π -electrons.^{1,2} The ability to alter cavity size reversibly by means of redox reactions holds particular fascination.^{3,4} Unusual opportunities for metal complexation are also offered. For these and many other reasons, the parent cyclooctatetraenophanes constitute attractive synthetic targets.⁵ Since they are unknown, we have sought to develop new and versatile synthetic technology for their acquisition. Herein we detail the successful preparation of the first member of this series, [2_2](1,5)-cyclooctatetraenophane (**9**) and present an early glimpse at the properties inherent to this fascinating molecule.

The route to **9** began with the [6.3.3]propellenedione **1**, a tricyclic compound readily available⁶ from *cis*-5-cyclooctene-1,2-dione.⁷ Its conversion to acetonide **2**⁸ was efficiently accomplished (83%) by dihydroxylation with catalytic (0.1 mol %) osmium tetroxide and direct acetonide formation.⁹ Lithium aluminum hydride reduction of **2**, subsequent 2-fold xanthate elimination to give **3**, and mild acidic hydrolysis provided the diol as a mixture of olefin isomers (56% overall). The formation of two regioisomeric dienes at this point is not of long-range consequence, since they converge to a single intermediate at a later stage.

Application of the Swern protocol to **3** gave **4** (69%) with minimal complication stemming from overoxidation or cleavage.¹⁰ As shown in Scheme I, submission of **4** to the Cook–Weiss procedure⁶ served admirably to generate the pivotal pentacyclic diketone **5** (85%). This highly crystalline solid was next subjected to the same two-step reduction–elimination sequence utilized previously on **3**. As anticipated, the resulting tetraene **6** (70%) could be allylically tetrabrominated when heated (20 min) with 4 equiv of *N*-bromosuccinimide and a catalytic quantity of AIBN in carbon tetrachloride solution. The unpurified product mixture was directly converted into the unusual bis(semibullvalene) **7'** \rightleftharpoons **7''** by coupling with nickel carbonyl (34% isolated).¹¹ The simplicity of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of this hydrocarbon¹² attests to the highly fluxional character of both of its divinyl-

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