

Supplementary Information:

Crystal Data

Crystal data for C-hexyltetracyanoresorcin[4]arene: $C_{59}H_{82}N_4O_{12}$, $M = 1038$, orange prism, $0.50 \times 0.35 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}^3$, monoclinic, space group $P\bar{2}_1/n$ (No. 14), $V = 5879(3) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $D_c = 1.1741 \text{ g/cm}^3$, $F_{000} = 2240$, Bruker APEXII CCD area detector, MoK α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$, $T = 173(2)\text{K}$, $2\theta_{\max} = 55.0^\circ$, 68252 reflections collected, 13444 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0376$). Final $GooF = 1.037$, $R1 = 0.0572$, $wR2 = 0.1582$, R indices based on 10357 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ (refinement on F^2), 753 parameters, 3 restraints. Lp and absorption corrections applied, $\mu = 0.082 \text{ mm}^{-1}$.

Crystal data for C-hexyltetracyanoresorcin[4]arene/Ag: $C_{59.60}H_{82}AgN_4O_{11.90}$, $M = 1152.76$, yellow rod, $.25 \times .25 \times .15 \text{ mm}^3$, orthorhombic, space group $P\bar{2}_1\bar{2}_1\bar{2}_1$ (No. 19), $V = 6650.6(13) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $D_c = 1.151 \text{ g/cm}^3$, $F_{000} = 2439$, Bruker APEXII CCD area detector, MoK α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$, $T = 173(2)\text{K}$, 77688 reflections collected, 15196 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0467$). Final $GooF = 1.119$, $R1 = 0.1058$, $wR2 = 0.2857$, R indices based on 8239 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ (refinement on F^2), 670 parameters, 50 restraints. Lp and absorption corrections applied, $\mu = 0.359 \text{ mm}^{-1}$.

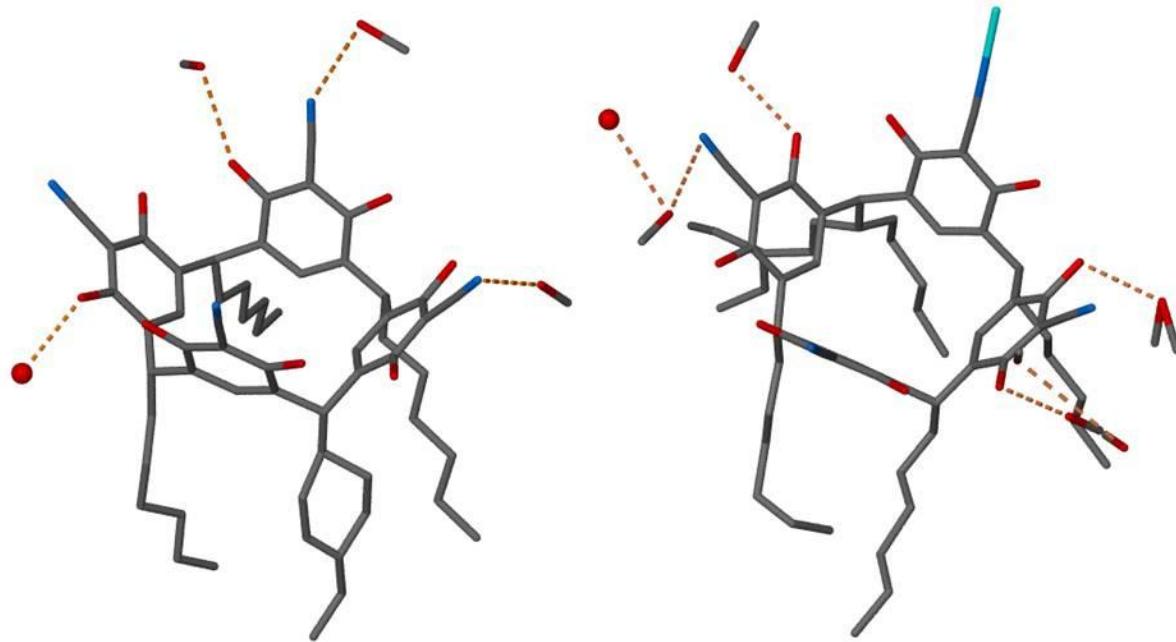


Figure 1: Asymmetric units of compound 1 (left) and 2 (right)

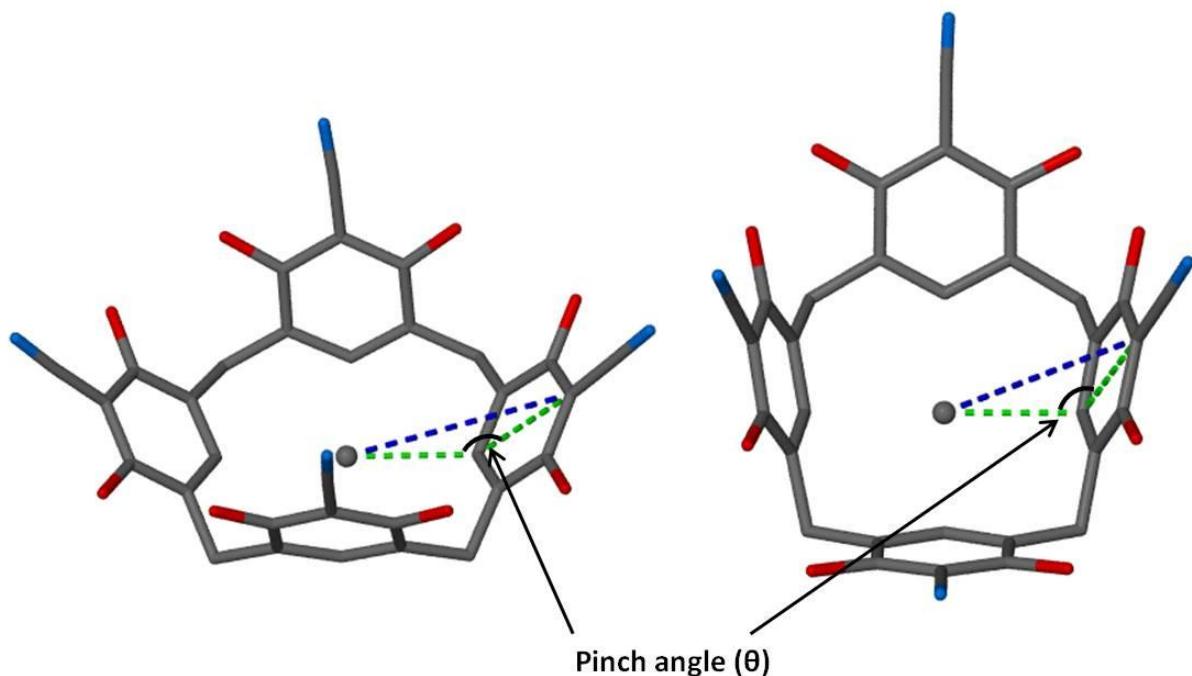


Figure 2: Two generalized views displaying pinch angle in cmpds 1 and 2

Angle containing	Pinch Angle (°)	
	cmpd 1	cmpd 2
C1	112.12	118.1
C8	140.54	135.25
C15	110.63	120.57
C22	136.34	136.01

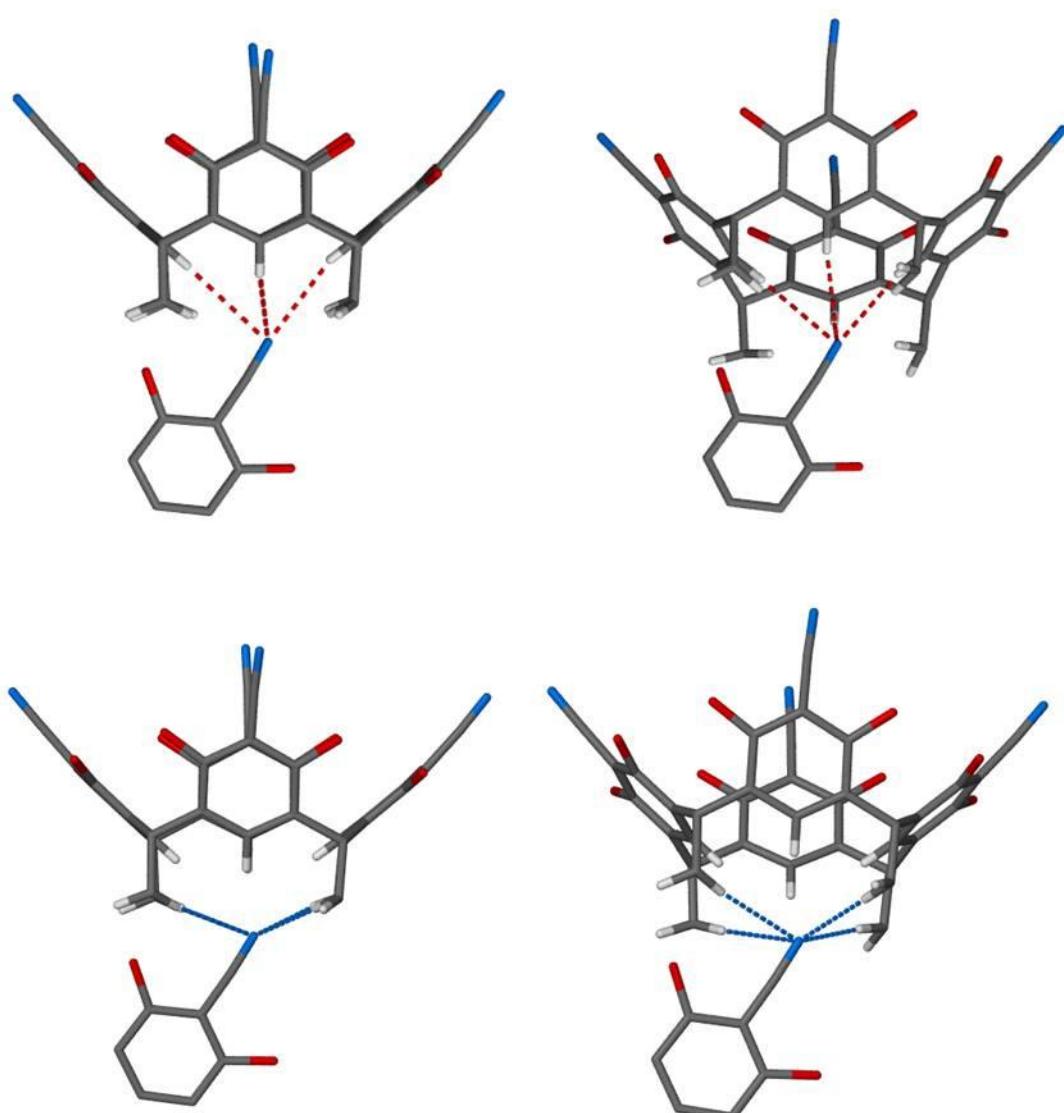


Figure 3: Two generalized views displaying $\text{CH}(\text{sp}^2)\text{N}$ interactions (top) and $\text{CH}(\text{sp}^3)\text{N}$ interactions (bottom) in cmpds 1 and 2.

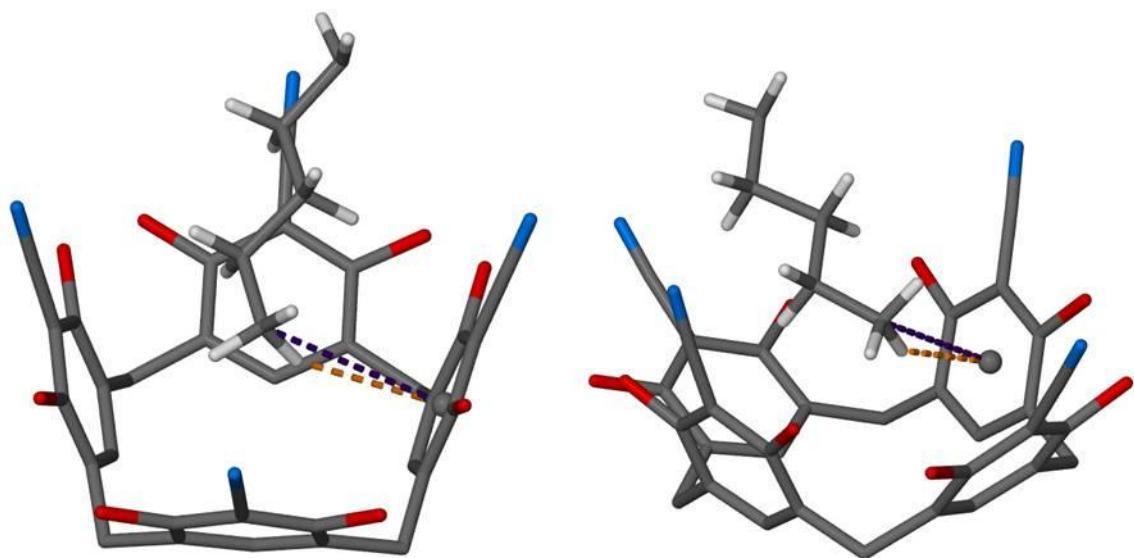


Figure 4: Two generalized views displaying CH- π interactions in cmpds 1 and 2. π Centroid shown in grey. H- π distances shown in orange, C- π distance shown in violet.

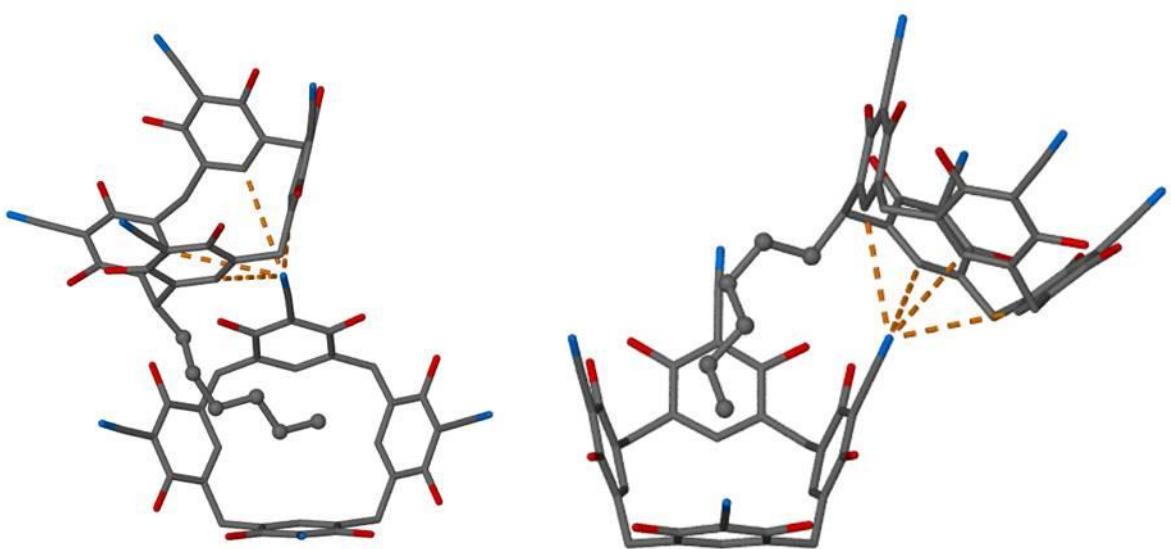


Figure 5: Two perspective views of noncovalent bonding motif described in text.

Table of Noncovalent Interaction distances for structures 1 and 2

Structure 1				
		H-N distance	C-N distance	CH-N angle
CH(sp ₃)-N1	c29		2.56	3.51
	c35		2.57	3.55
	c41		2.93	3.91
	c47		2.99	3.97
CH(sp ₂)-N1	c1		2.84	3.7
	c8		2.73	3.65
	c14		2.95	3.8
	c22		2.94	3.89
aryl ring containing		H-π	C-π	CH-π centroid angle
CH(sp ₃)-π (C52)	c1		2.81	3.7
	c8		4.5	4.96
	c14		3.15	3.77
	c22		3.22	3.72
Structure 2				
		H-N distance	C-N distance	CH-N angle
CH(sp ₃)-N3	c29		2.71	3.68
	c35		2.57	3.56
	c41		2.78	3.77
	c47		2.72	3.71
CH(sp ₂)-N3	c1		2.73	3.63
	c8		2.64	3.59
	c15		2.72	3.63
	c22		2.76	3.71
aryl ring containing		H-π	C-π	CH-π centroid angle
CH(sp ₃)-π (C40)	c1		2.88	3.62
	c8		3.19	4.03
	c14		2.93	3.77
	c22		3.51	4.18

