

Electronic Supporting Information

**Structural characterization of inclusion complexes of *para*-sulphonato-calix[8]arene with 1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethane and 1,3-bis(4-pyridyl)propane. New ‘double cone’ and ‘up-flat-down’ conformations of *para*-sulphonato-calix[8]arene**

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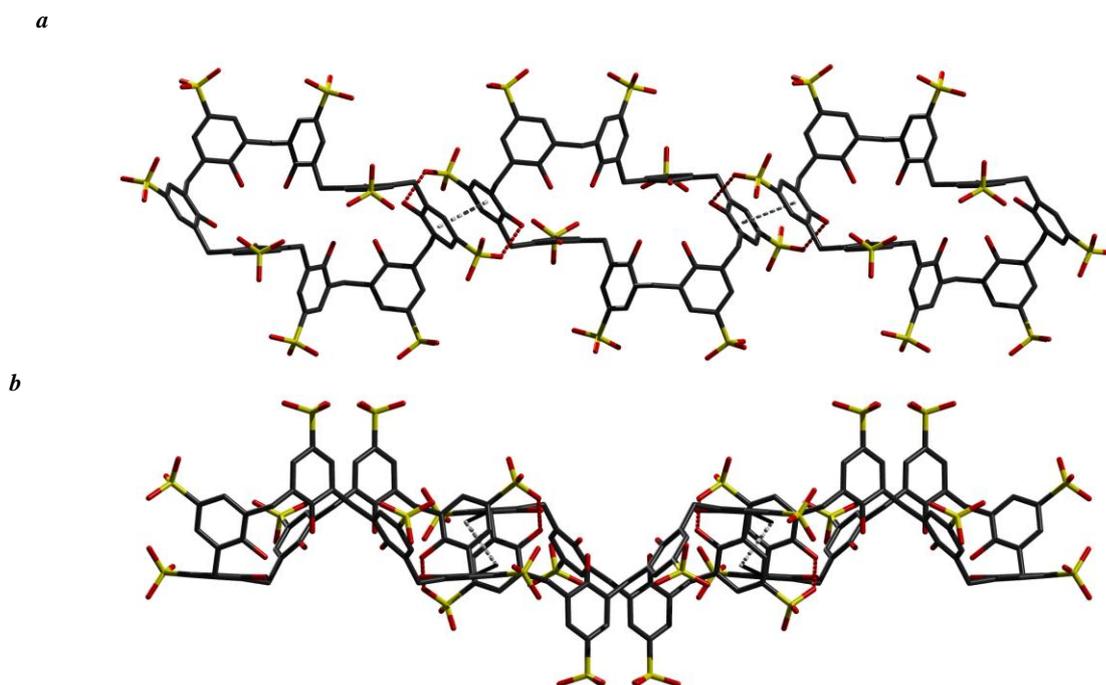
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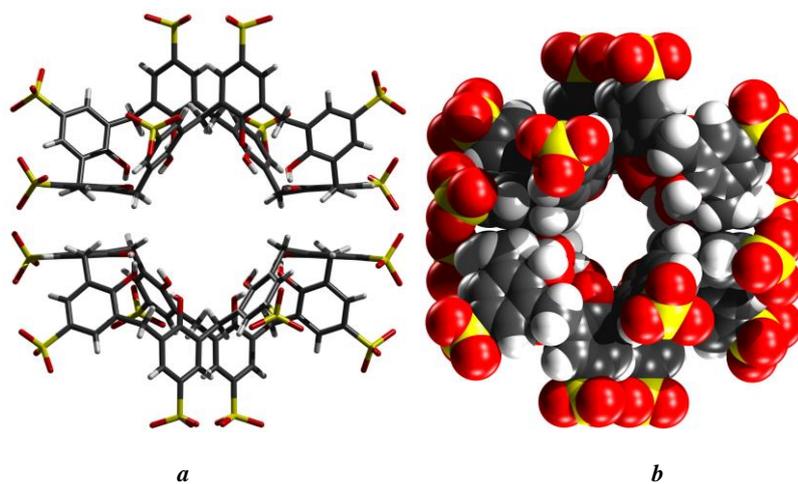
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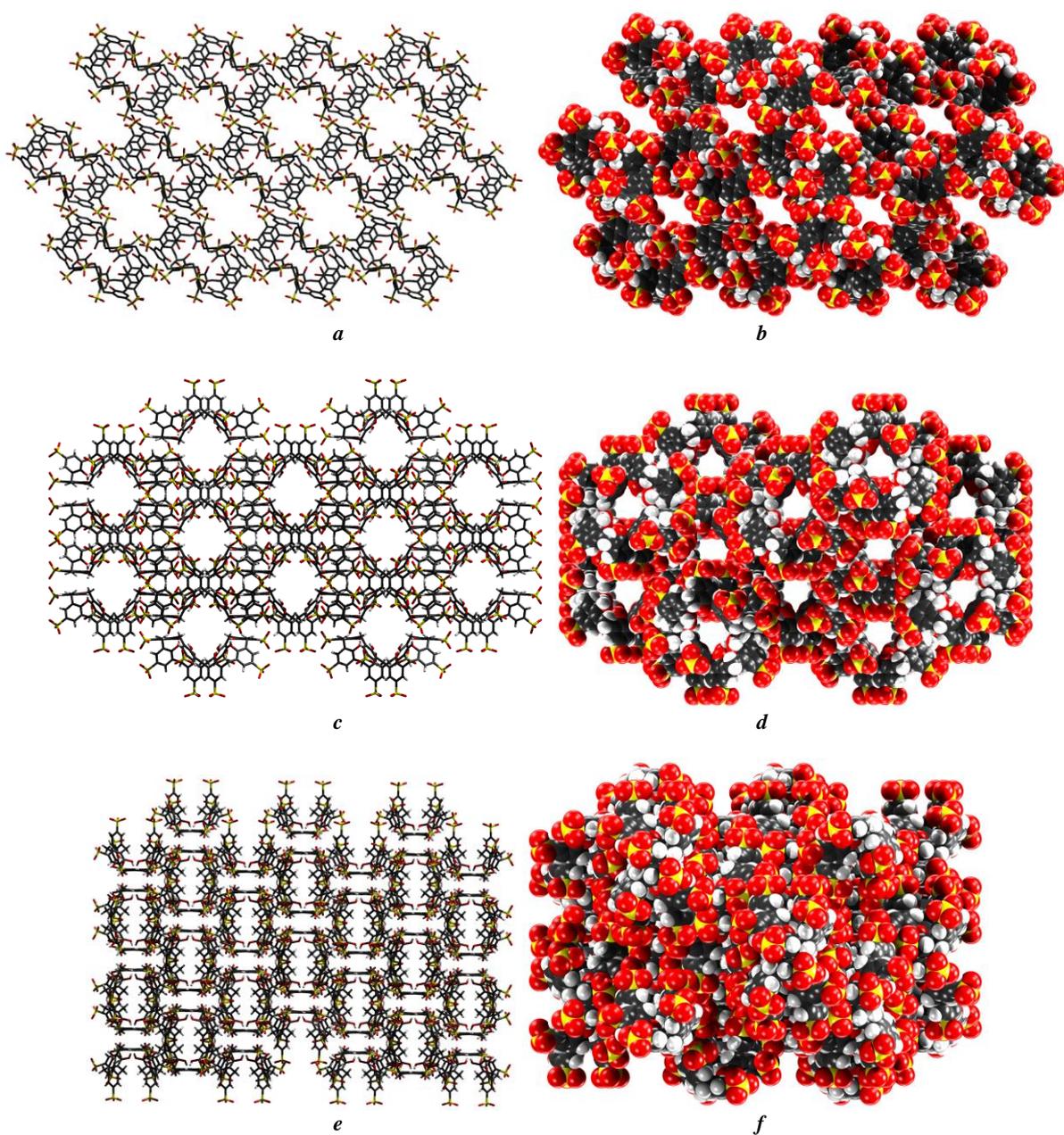
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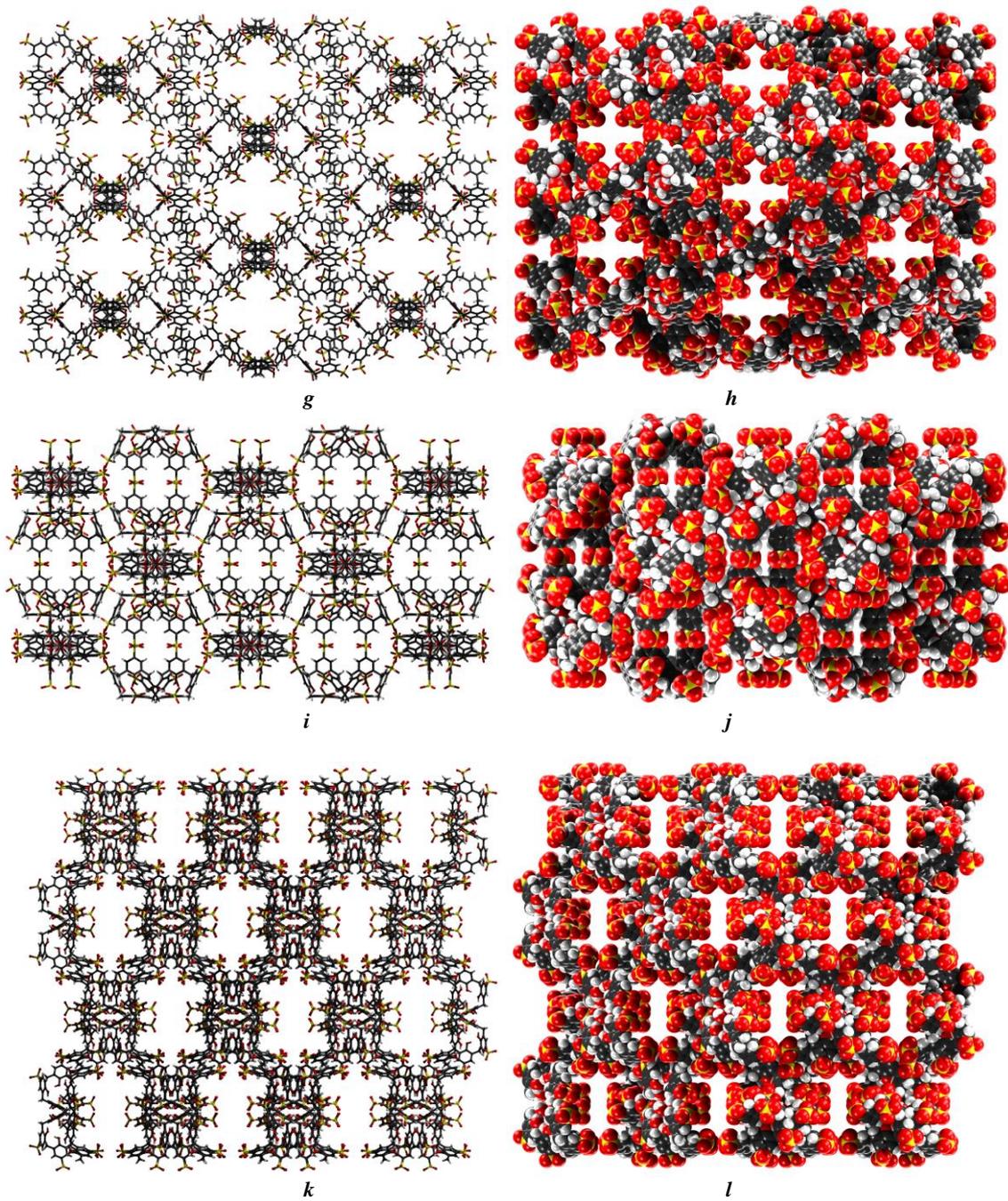


**Figure 1.** *para*-Sulphonato-calix[8]arene anions linked together by O–H···O (2.560 Å) and  $\pi$ – $\pi$  (centroid–centroid distance: 3.611 Å) interactions in infinite chains; (a) view along [100] axis (b) view along [010] axis.

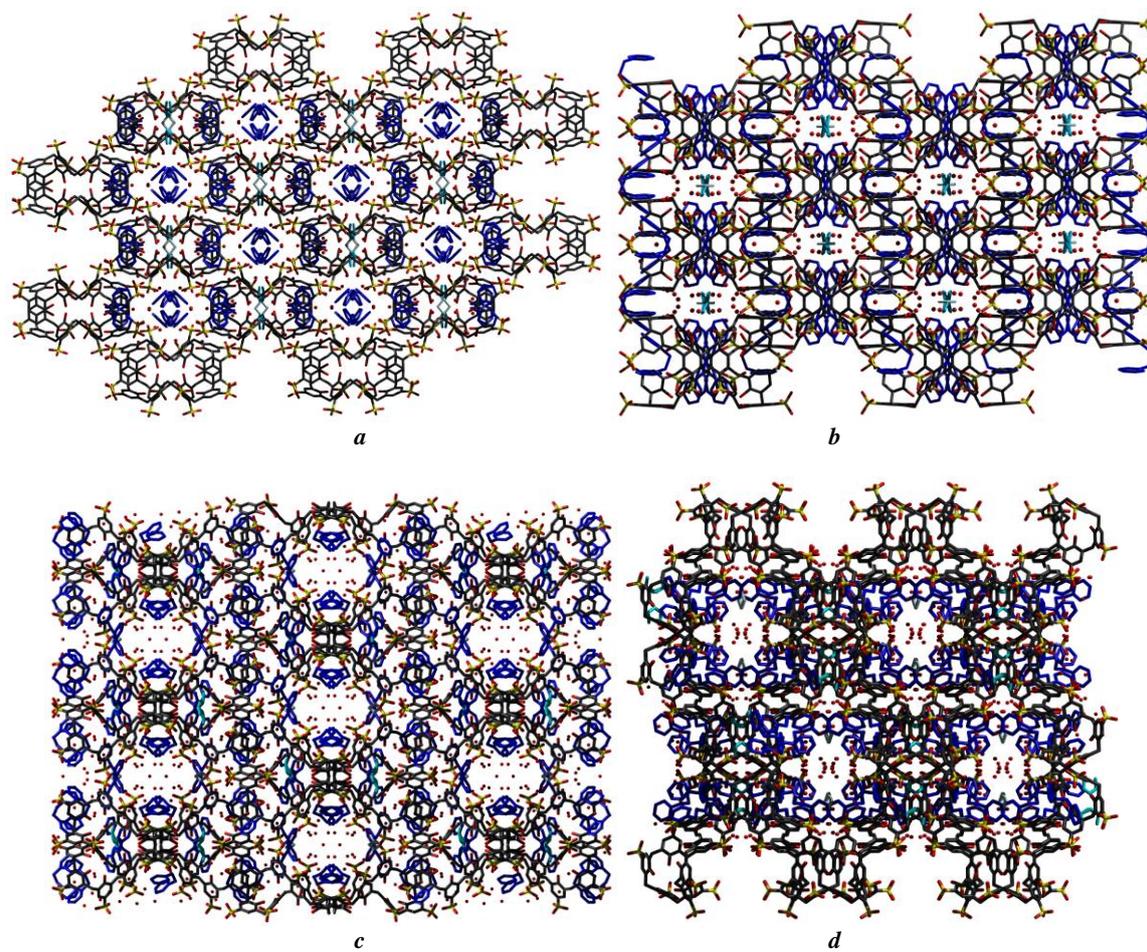


**Figure 2.** Molecular capsule formed by two *para*-sulphonato-calix[8]arene anions; (a): stick model (b): spacefill model.

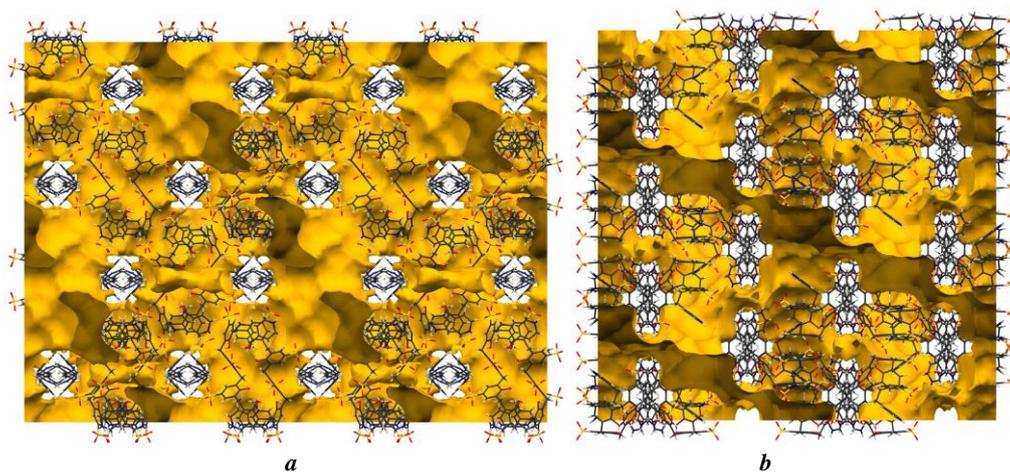


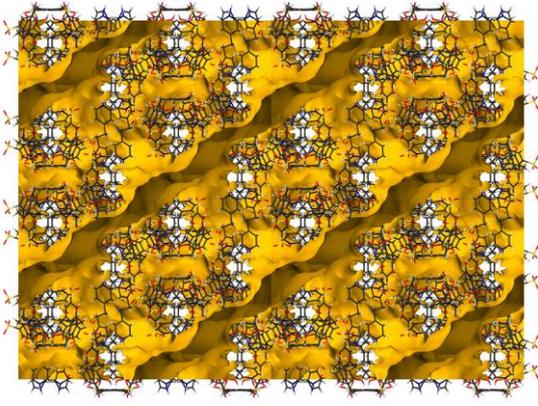


**Figure 3.** Packing of *para*-sulphonato-calix[8]arene anions: (a, b) view along  $[100]$  axis; (c, d) view along  $[010]$  axis; (e, f) view along  $[001]$  axis; (g, h) view along  $[110]$  axis; (i, j) view along  $[011]$  axis; (k, l) view along  $[101]$  axis.

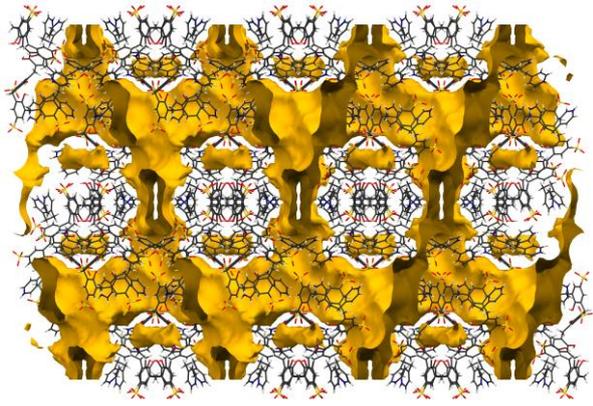


**Figure 4.** Packing of the complex 1. Channels are filled by BPE, ethanol, methanol and water molecules. (a) view along [100] axis; (b) view along [010] axis; (c) view along [110] axis, (d) view along [101] axis.

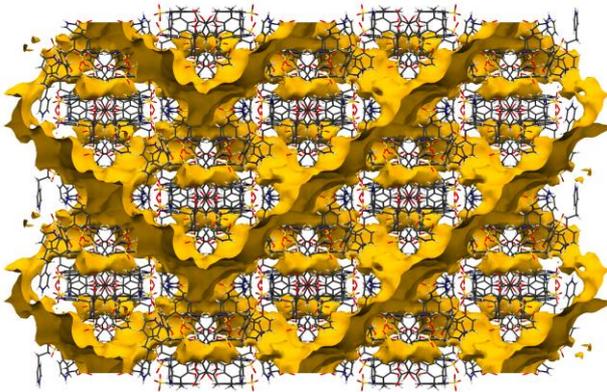




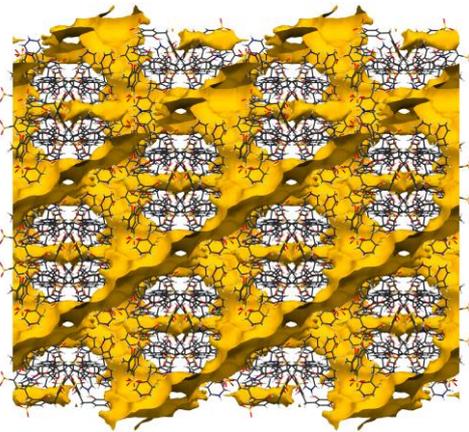
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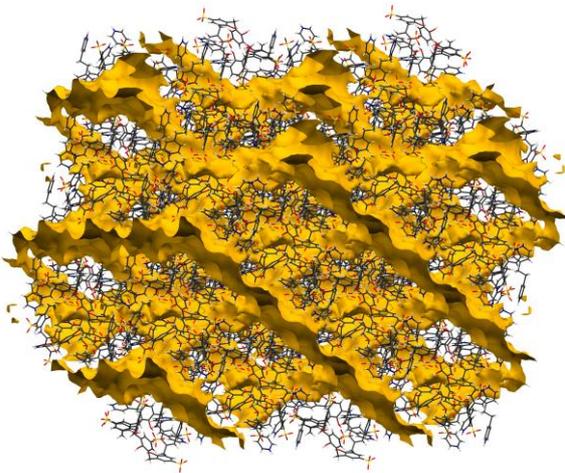
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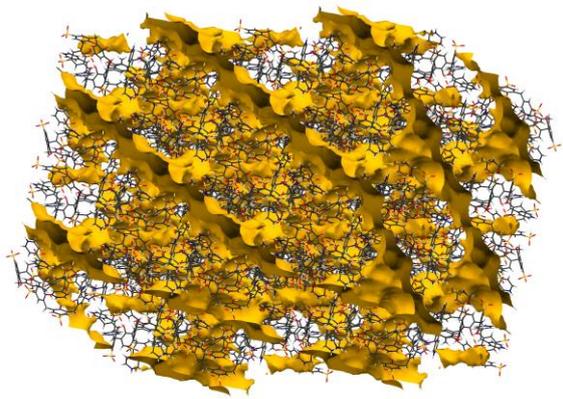
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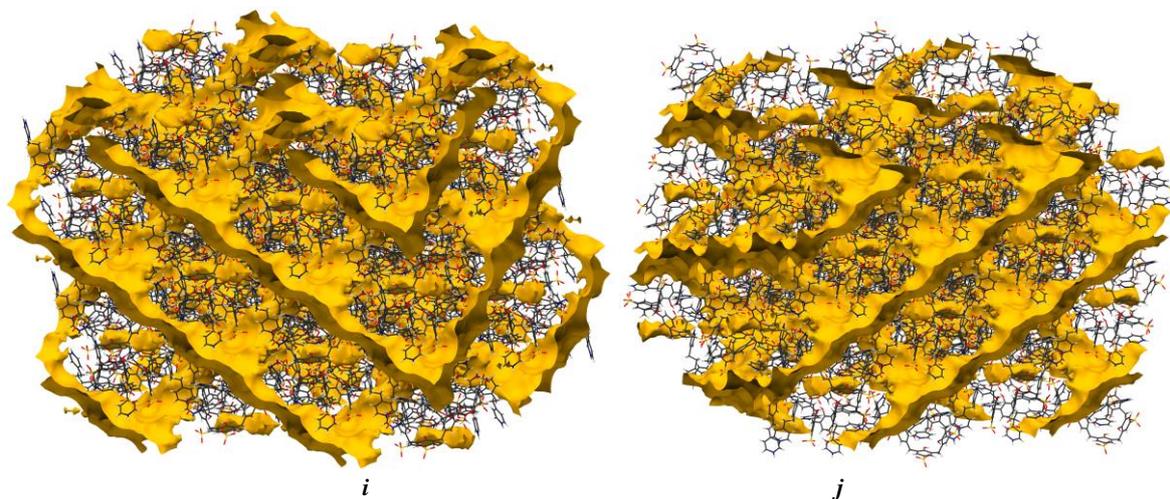
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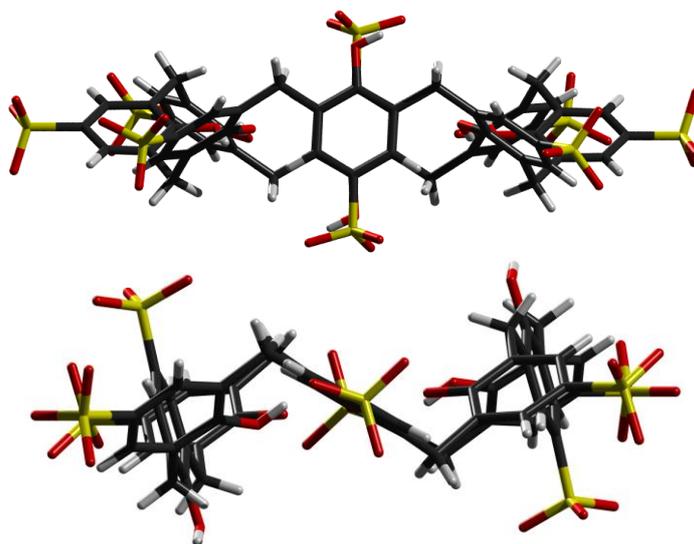
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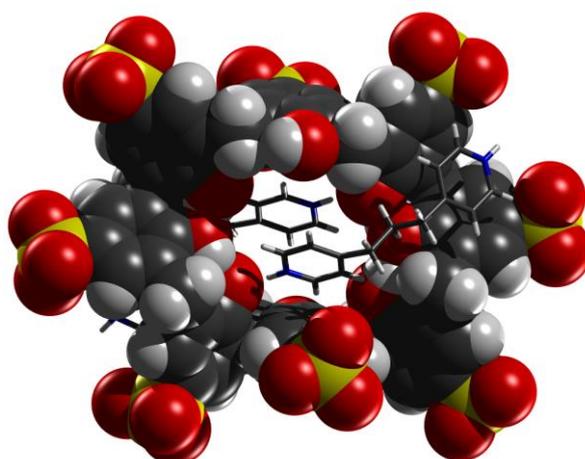
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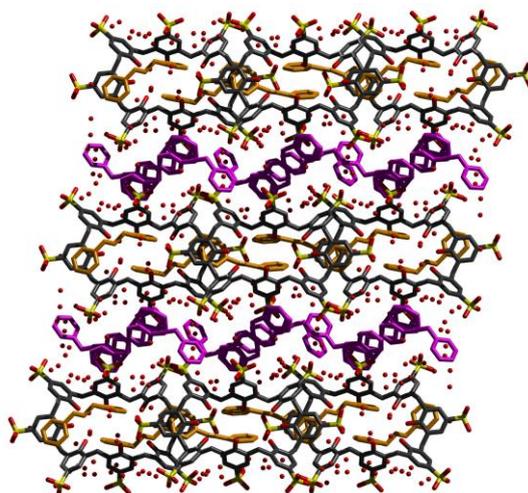
**Figure 5.** Solvent accessible surface in complex 1: (a) view along [100] axis; (b) view along [010] axis; (c) view along [001] axis; (d) view along [110] axis; (e) view along [011] axis; (f) view along [101] axis; (g) view along [111] axis; (h) view along [11-1] axis; (i) view along [-111] axis; (j) view along [1-11] axis.



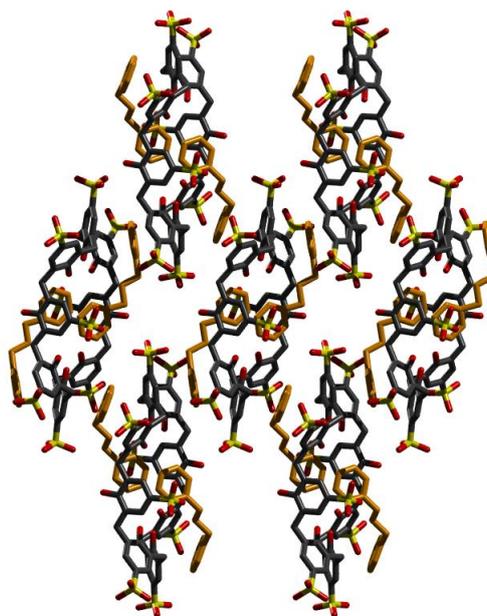
**Figure 6.** *para*-Sulphonato-calix[8]arene centrosymmetric conformation in complex 2: side view.



**Figure 7.** Host-guest inclusion, C8S anion with cavity occupied by two BPP cations.



**Figure 8.** Packing of the complex 2; BPP cations included into C8S cavities are marked in orange, the rest of the BPP cations in violet, water molecules are displayed as red balls ; (a) view along [100] axis.



**Figure 9.** Arrangement of C8S anions and included BPP cations in first layer, view along [010] axis. Water molecules are omitted for clarity.

#### Single-crystal X-ray diffraction – disorder treatment

**C8S-BPE complex (1):** The ethanol, methanol and BPE (with 0.25 occupancy) molecules were modeled using DFIX command in order to retain the correct distances between atoms.

DANG were used to correct angle C6 C7 H1A in calixarene molecule.

The distances of sulphonate groups were modeled using SADI command in order to equal them/ retain the correct distances between atoms.

All BPE molecules were modeled using SIMU and DELU commands in order to change the direction of the anisotropic displacement parameters and to restrain the motion of atoms perpendicular to a planar group. The components of the displacement parameters in the direction of the bond are restrained to be equal.

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The BPP and water molecules were modeled using DFIX and DANG commands in order to retain the correct geometry.

The BPP rings were modeled using FLAT commands in order to restrain atoms to be coplanar.

Water oxygen atoms were modeled using ISOR command in order to prevent atoms from becoming 'non-positive-definite'.

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