

Supplementary Information

An Intramolecularly Self-Templated Synthesis of Macrocycles: The Self-Filling Effects on the Formation of Prismarenes

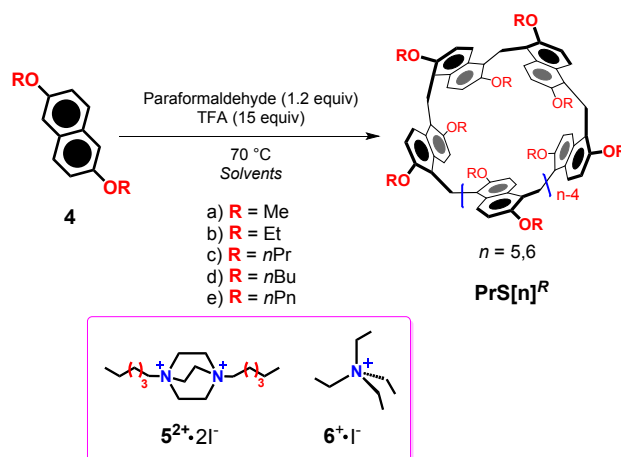
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General Experimental Details

HR MALDI mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Solarix FT-ICR mass spectrometer equipped with a 7T magnet. All samples were recorded in MALDI (4 laser shots were used for each scan) and they were prepared by mixing 10 μL of analyte in dichloromethane (1 mg/mL) with 10 μL of solution of 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (10 mg/mL in Metanol). The mass spectra were calibrated externally, and a linear calibration was applied. 1,2-dichloroethane was dried by heating under reflux over calcium hydride. All chemicals reagents grade was used without further purification and were used as purchased by Merck, TCI and Fluorochem. Reaction temperatures were measured externally. Reactions were monitored by Merck TLC silica gel plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV light 254 nm, or by spraying with $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4\text{-Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_2$. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance-600 [600 (^1H) and 150 MHz (^{13}C)], Avance-400 [400 (^1H) and 100 MHz (^{13}C)], Avance-300 MHz [300 (^1H) and 75 MHz (^{13}C)] or Avance-250 MHz [250 (^1H) and 62.5 MHz (^{13}C)] spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported relative to the residual solvent peak¹. Standard pulse programs, provided by the manufacturer, were used for 2D COSY-45, 2D HSQC and 2D NOESY experiments.

General procedure for the synthesis of Prism[n]arenes $\text{PrS}[n]^R$.



A solution of 2,6-dialkoxyphenylene **4b-e**, paraformaldehyde (1.2 equiv) in appropriate solvent (Table S1, 5.0 mM) was heated at 70 °C, then trifluoroacetic acid (15 equiv) was added and the solution was stirred at 70 °C for the time indicated in Table S1. Then, an aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO_3 (100 mL) was added in the reaction mixture and the organic layer was extracted. Finally, the organic phase was dried on Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give a light brown solid.

- Starting by 2,6-diethoxyphenylene **4b** (250 mg, 1.2 mmol): The crude was purified through chromatographic column on silica gel (only dichloromethane) to give the macrocycle $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ as white solid (see Table S1).

¹ G. R. Fulmer, A. J. M. Miller, N. H. Sherden, H. E. Gottlieb, A. Nudelman, B.M. Stoltz, J.E. Bercaw, K.I. Goldberg, *Organometallics* 2010, **29**, 2176–2179.

- Starting by 2,6-dipropoxynaphthalene **4c** (250 mg, 1.0 mmol): The crude was purified through chromatographic column on silica gel (*n*-hexane/dichloromethane = 1/1) to give the macrocycle **PrS[6]^{nPr}** as white solid (see Table S1).
- Starting by 2,6-dibutoxynaphthalene **4d** (300 mg, 1.1 mmol): The crude was purified through chromatographic column on silica gel (*n*-hexane/dichloromethane = 4/6) to give the macrocycle **PrS[6]^{nBu}** as white solid (see Table S1).
- Starting by 2,6-dipentoxynaphthalene **4e** (300 mg, 1.0 mmol): The crude was purified through chromatographic column on silica gel (*n*-hexane/dichloromethane = 6/4) to give the macrocycle **PrS[6]^{nPn}** as white solid (see Table S1).

Table S1

Solvent	Monomer	Time	PrS[6] ^R (%)
Cl-CyHex	4b	40 min	71
Cl-CyHex	4c	2 h	64
Toluene	4b	3 h	74
Toluene	4c	8 h	57
Cyclohexane	4b	30 min	76
Cyclohexane	4c	40 min	65
Decaline	4b	30 min	75
Decaline	4c	45 min	70
1,2-DCE	4b	45 min	75
1,2-DCE	4c	90 min	65
1,2-DCE	4d	40 min	30
1,2-DCE	4e	45 min	8

Quaternary ammonium-templated synthesis.

Templated synthesis in presence of **6⁺I⁻** salt:

In a solution of 2,6-dialkoxynaphthalene **4b-c** in 1,2-dichloroethane (5 mM) was added paraformaldehyde (1.2 equiv) and the templating agent **6⁺I⁻** (1.0 equiv). The mixture was heated at 70° C and then trifluoroacetic acid (15 equiv) was added. The solution was stirred for 22 h at 70 °C and subsequently the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and the mixture was washed with an aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (30 mL). Finally, the organic layer was washed with a 10 % aqueous solution of sodium thiosulfate (100 mL), and the organic phase was dried on Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give a light brown solid.

- Starting by 2,6-diethoxynaphthalene **4b** (250 mg, 1.2 mmol): The crude was purified through chromatographic column on silica gel (only dichloromethane) to give the macrocycle **PrS[6]^{Et}** as white solid (162 mg, 60 %).

- Starting by 2,6-dipropoxynaphthalene **4c** (250 mg, 1.0 mmol): The crude was purified through chromatographic column on silica gel (*n*-hexane/dichloromethane = 1/1) to give the macrocycle **PrS[6]^{nPr}** as white solid (150 mg, 55 %).

Templated synthesis in presence of 5²⁺·2I⁻ salt:

In a solution of 2,6-dialkoxynaphthalene **4b-c** in 1,2-dichloroethane (5 mM) was added paraformaldehyde (1.2 equiv) and templating agent 5²⁺·I⁻ (1.0 equiv). The mixture was heated at 70 °C and then trifluoroacetic acid (15 equiv) was added. The solution was stirred at 70 °C for 22 h. After, 250 mL of an aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO₃ was added and the organic layer was washed with a 10 % aqueous solution of sodium thiosulfate (200 mL). Finally, the organic layer was dried on Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuum to give a light brown solid.

- Starting by 2,6-diethoxynaphthalene **4b** (1.00 g, 4.6 mmol): The crude product was purified through chromatographic column on silica gel (*n*-hexane/toluene/dichloromethane = 1/2/7) to give the macrocycles **PrS[5]^{Et}** (110 mg, 10 %) and **PrS[6]^{Et}** (370 mg, 35 %) as white solids.
- Starting by 2,6-dipropoxynaphthalene **4c** (1.00 g, 4.1 mmol): The crude product was purified through chromatographic column on silica gel (*n*-hexane/toluene/dichloromethane = 2.5/2.5/5) to give the macrocycles **PrS[5]^{nPr}** (270 mg, 25 %) and **PrS[6]^{nPr}** (260 mg, 25 %) as white solids.

Derivative PrS[5]^{Et}:

M.p.: > 372 °C dec. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.85 (*d*, 10H, Ar-*H*, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 6.81 (*d*, 10H, Ar-*H*, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 4.70 (*s*, 10H, ArCH₂Ar), 3.86 (*m*, 10H, OCH₂), 3.66 (*m*, 10H, OCH₂), 0.94 (*m*, 30H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100 MHz, 298 K): δ 152.0, 129.8, 125.1, 124.1, 114.5, 65.5, 22.2, 15.2. HR MS (MALDI) *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₇₅H₈₀O₁₀: 1140.5751; found: 1140.5796.

Derivative PrS[5]^{nPr}:

M. p. : > 333 °C dec. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz, 298 K): δ 8.06 (*d*, 10H, Ar-*H*, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 6.88 (*d*, 10H, Ar-*H*, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 4.71 (*s*, 10H, ArCH₂Ar), 3.88 (*m*, 10H, OCH₂), 3.76 (*m*, 10H, OCH₂), 1.63 (*m*, 20H, OCH₂CH₂), 0.92 (*t*, 30H, CH₃, *J* = 8.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100 MHz, 298 K): δ 152.0, 129.9, 125.2, 123.7, 114.4, 71.5, 23.4, 21.7, 11.0. HR MS (MALDI) *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₈₅H₁₀₀O₁₀: 1280.7316; found: 1280.7388.

Derivative PrS[6]^{Et}:

M.p.: > 340 °C dec. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz, 243 K, Figure S23): δ 8.19 (*d*, 4H, Ar-*H*, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 7.73 (*d*, 4H, Ar-*H*, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 7.40 (*d*, 4H, Ar-*H*, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 7.37 (*d*, 4H, Ar-*H*, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 6.91 (*d*, 4H, Ar-*H*, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 6.27 (*d*, 4H, Ar-*H*, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 4.82 (*s*, 8H,

ArCH₂Ar), 4.47 (s, 4H, ArCH₂Ar), 4.39 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 4.33 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 4.20 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 4.06 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.04 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 1.54 (overlapped, 16H, OCH₂ and CH₃), 1.42 (t, 12H, CH₃, J = 6.6 Hz), -0.94 (t, 12H, CH₃, J = 6.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (TCDE, 150 MHz, 298 K): δ 152.0, 151.6, 150.9, 129.6, 126.4, 124.9, 123.9, 123.5, 116.2, 114.8, 114.0, 66.0, 65.4, 65.1, 23.5, 21.2, 15.5, 13.5. HR MS (MALDI) m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₉₀H₉₆O₁₂: 1368.6902; found: 1368.6941.

Derivative PrS[6]^{nPr}:

M.p.: > 306°C dec. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz, 243 K, Figure S26): δ 8.28 (d, 4H, Ar-H, J = 9.6 Hz), 7.91 (d, 4H, Ar-H, J = 9.6 Hz), 7.52 (d, 4H, Ar-H, J = 9.6 Hz), 7.35 (d, 4H, Ar-H, J = 9.6 Hz), 7.01 (d, 4H, Ar-H, J = 9.6 Hz), 6.35 (d, 4H, Ar-H, J = 9.6 Hz), 4.82 (s, 8H, ArCH₂Ar), 4.42 (s, 4H, ArCH₂Ar), 4.25 (overlapped, 8H, OCH₂), 4.17 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.95 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.00 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 2.29 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 1.95 (m, 8H, OCH₂CH₂), 1.85 (m, 8H, OCH₂CH₂), 1.14 (t, 12H, CH₃, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.05 (m, 12H, CH₃, J = 7.2 Hz), -0.08 (m, 4H, OCH₂CH₂), -0.24 (m, 4H, OCH₂CH₂), -0.71 (m, 12H, CH₃, J = 7.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 150 MHz, 298 K): δ 153.3, 151.7, 130.2, 125.1, 124.9, 124.3, 115.8, 114.8, 114.3, 71.9, 71.7, 71.4, 23.7, 22.1, 21.6, 11.2, 10.4. HR MS (MALDI) m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₀₂H₁₂₀O₁₂: 1536.8780; found: 1536.8790.

Derivative PrS[6]^{nBu}:

M.p.: > 310°C dec. ¹H NMR (TCDE, 400 MHz, 298 K): δ 8.13-7.81 (overlapped, 8H, Ar-H), 7.51 (br, 4H, Ar-H), 7.18 (br, 4H, Ar-H), 6.84 (br, 4H, Ar-H), 6.21 (br, 4H, Ar-H), 4.67 (overlapped, 8H, ArCH₂Ar), 4.27-3.83 (overlapped, 20H, ArCH₂Ar and OCH₂), 2.77 (br, 4H, OCH₂), 2.39 (br, 4H, OCH₂), 1.70-1.30 (overlapped, 40H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂ and OCH₂CH₂CH₂), 0.80-0.71 (overlapped, 24H, CH₃), -0.26 (br, 8H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂), -0.73 (br, 12H, CH₃). ¹H NMR (TCDE, 400 MHz, 393 K): δ 7.83 (d, 12H, Ar-H, J = 12.0 Hz), 6.75 (d, 12H, Ar-H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.63 (s, 12H, ArCH₂Ar), 3.58 (br, 24H, OCH₂), 1.10-1.20 (overlapped, 48H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 0.60 (br t, 36H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (TCDE, 100 MHz, 298 K): δ 152.1, 151.6, 151.2, 129.6, 124.7, 124.4, 124.1, 115.0, 114.5, 114.0, 69.0, 31.9, 19.4, 18.4, 18.0, 13.9, 12.7. HR MS (MALDI) m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₁₄H₁₄₄O₁₂: 1705.0658; found: 1705.0698.

Derivative PrS[6]^{nPent}:

M.p.: > 300°C dec. ¹H NMR (TCDE, 300 MHz, 393 K, Figure S17): δ 7.79 (d, 12H, Ar-H, J = 9.0 Hz), 6.72 (d, 12H, Ar-H, J = 9.0 Hz), 4.62 (s, 12H, ArCH₂Ar), 3.50 (m, 24H, OCH₂), 1.20 (overlapped, 72H, OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂), 0.72 (m, 36H, CH₃, J = 6.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (TCDE, 62.5 MHz, 298 K): δ 151.6, 151.0, 129.6, 124.5, 124.2, 114.3, 69.2, 29.6, 29.1, 28.2, 22.3, 13.9. HR MS (MALDI) m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₂₆H₁₆₈O₁₂: 1873.2536; found: 1873.2572.

Copies of 1D and 2D NMR and HR Mass Spectra of PrS[n]^R

Copies of 1D and 2D NMR and HR mass spectrum of PrS[5]^{Et}

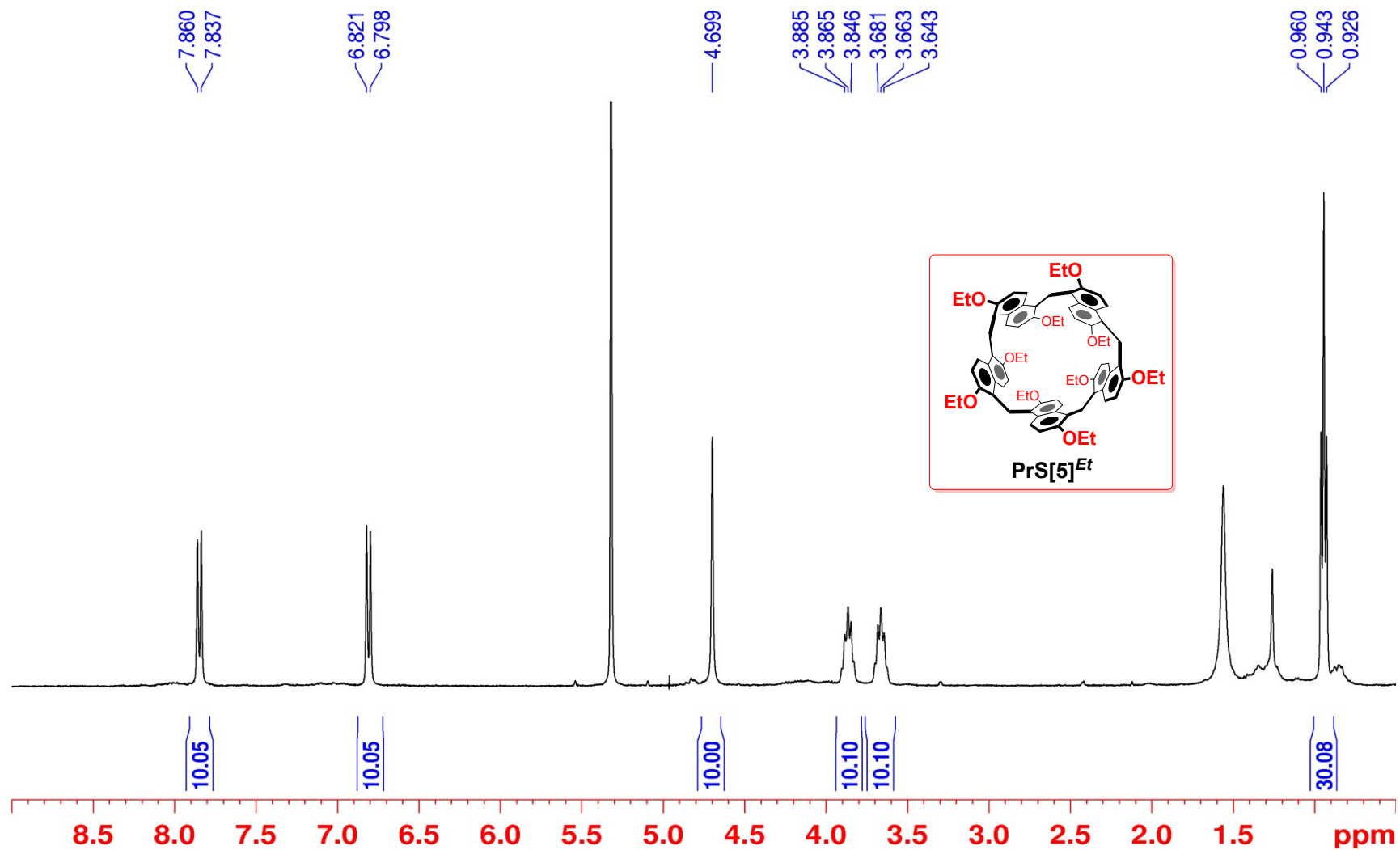


Figure S1: ¹H NMR spectrum of PrS[5]^{Et} (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz, 298 K).

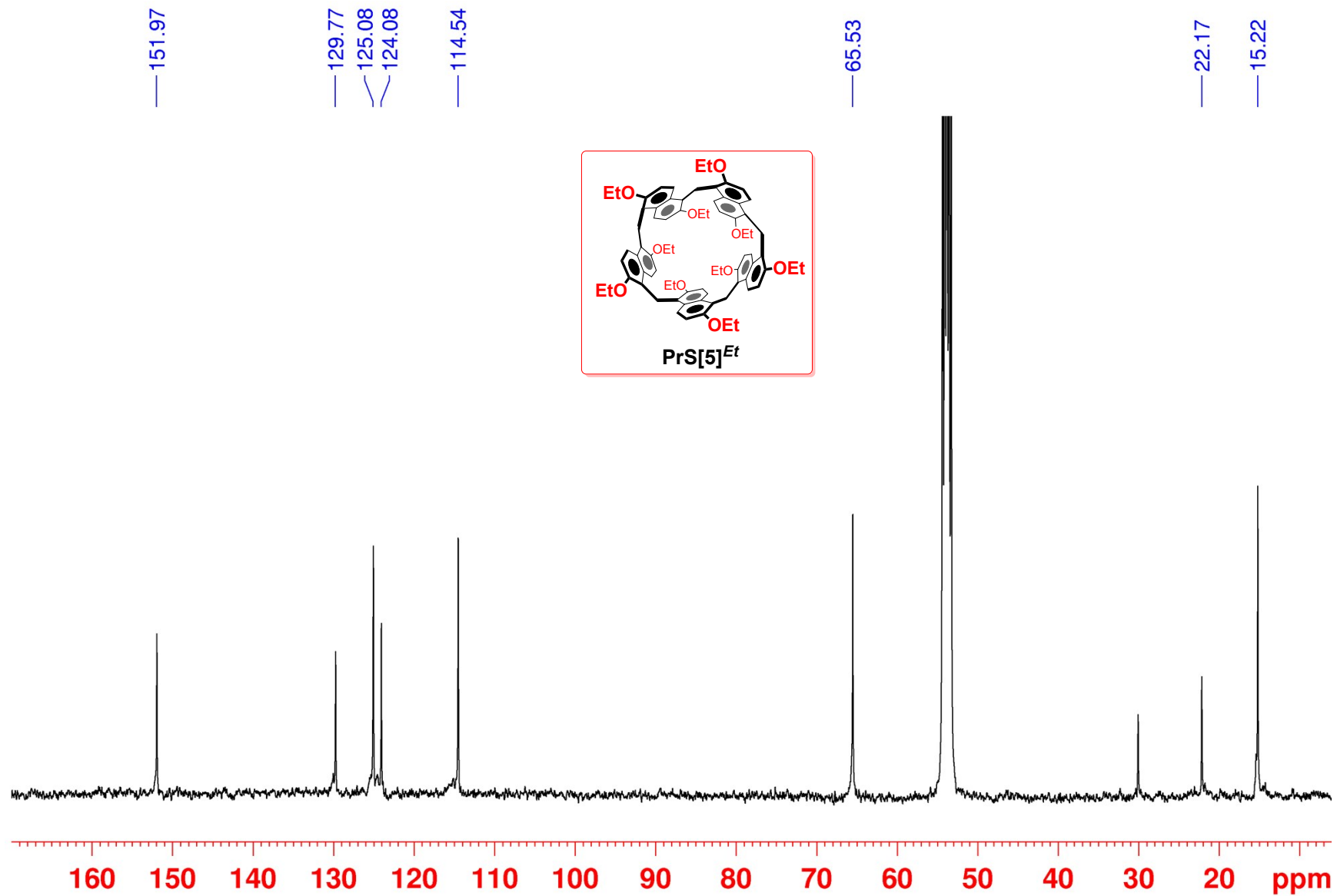


Figure S2: ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 100 MHz, 298 K).

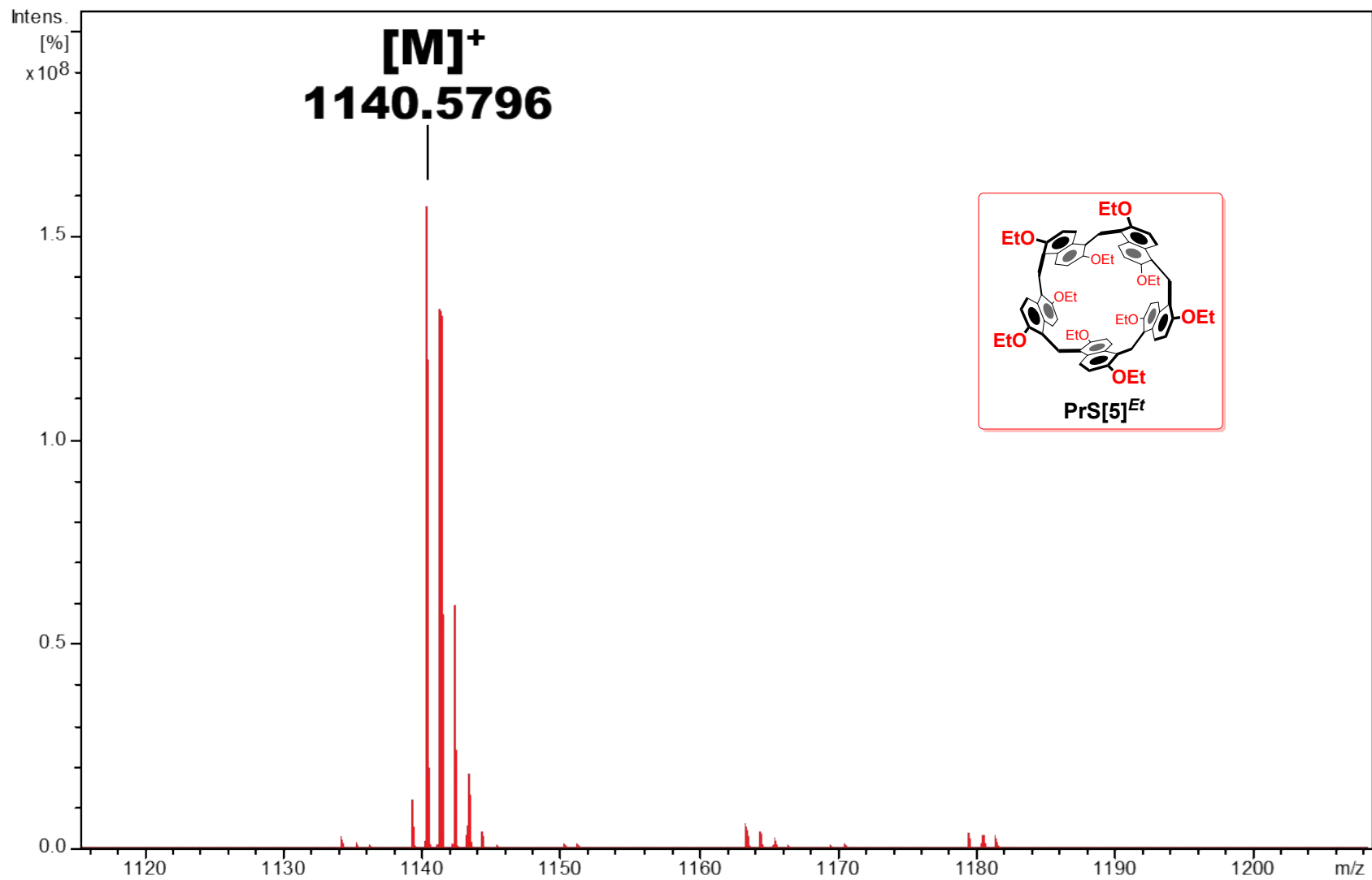


Figure S3: Significant portion of the HR MALDI FT-ICR mass spectrum of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}} [M]^+$.

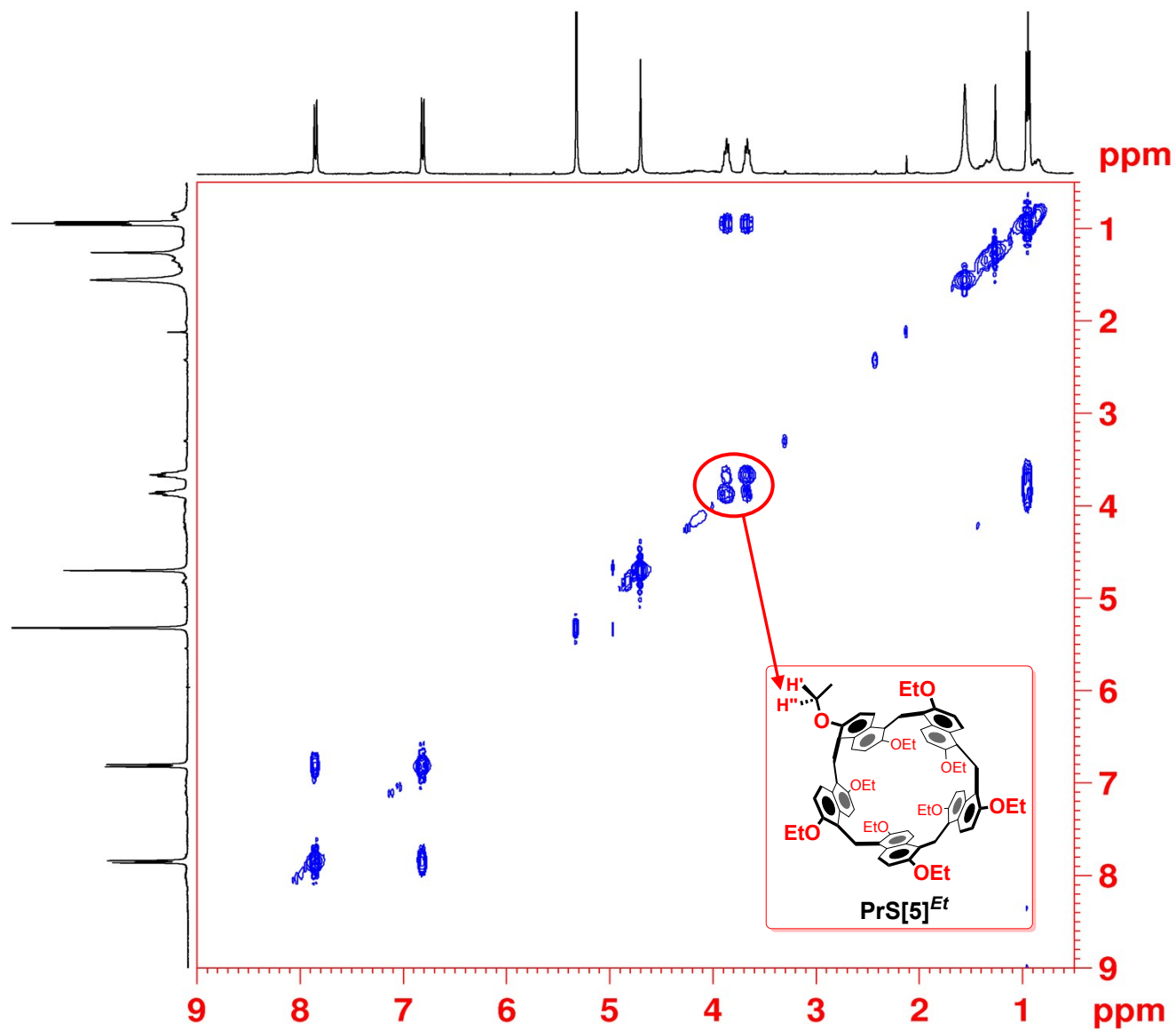


Figure S4: 2D-DQF COSY spectrum of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 400 MHz, 298 K).

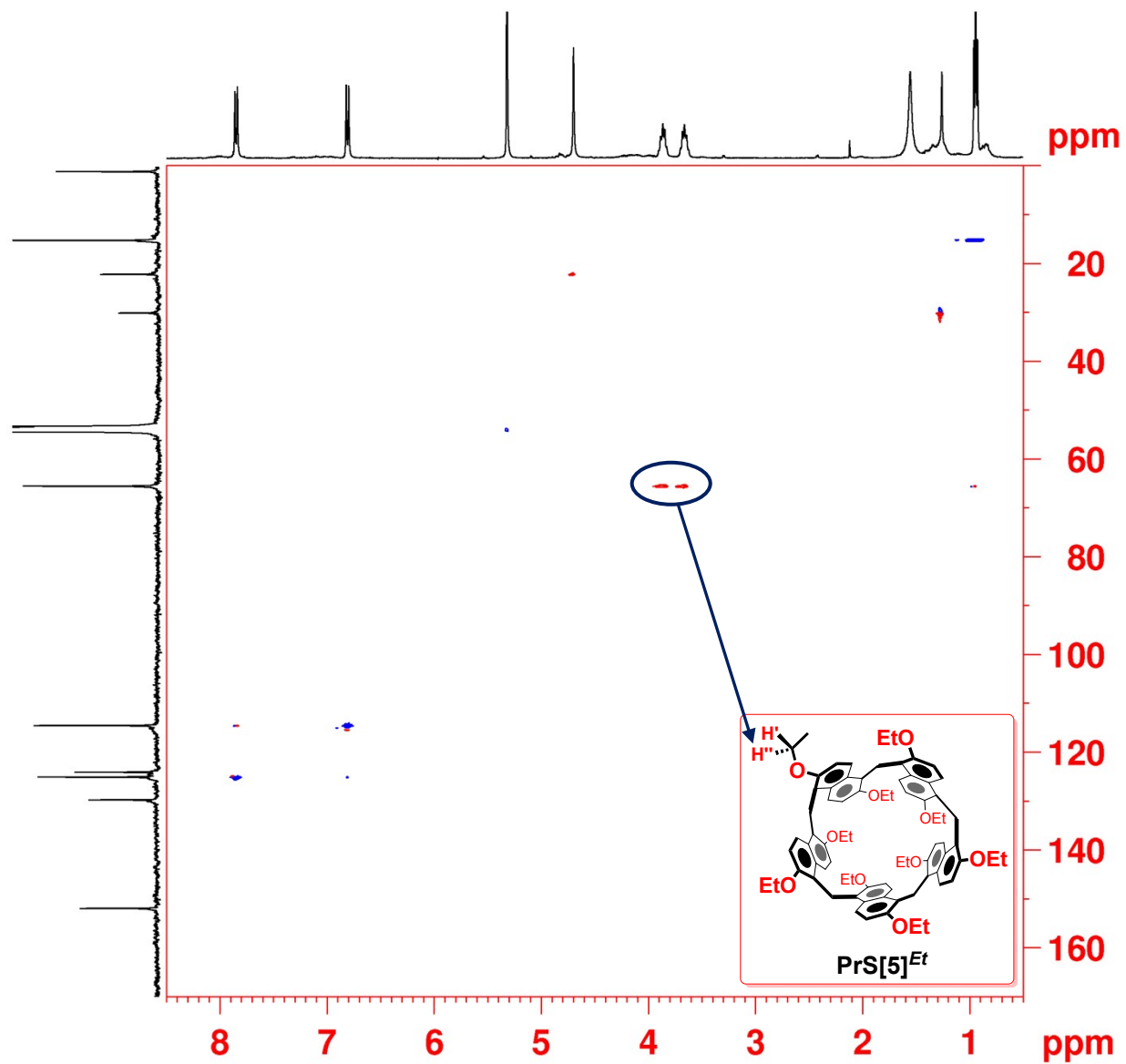


Figure S5: 2D-HSQC spectrum of PrS[5]^{Et} (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz, 298 K).

Copies of 1D and 2D NMR and HR mass spectrum of PrS[5]^{nPr}

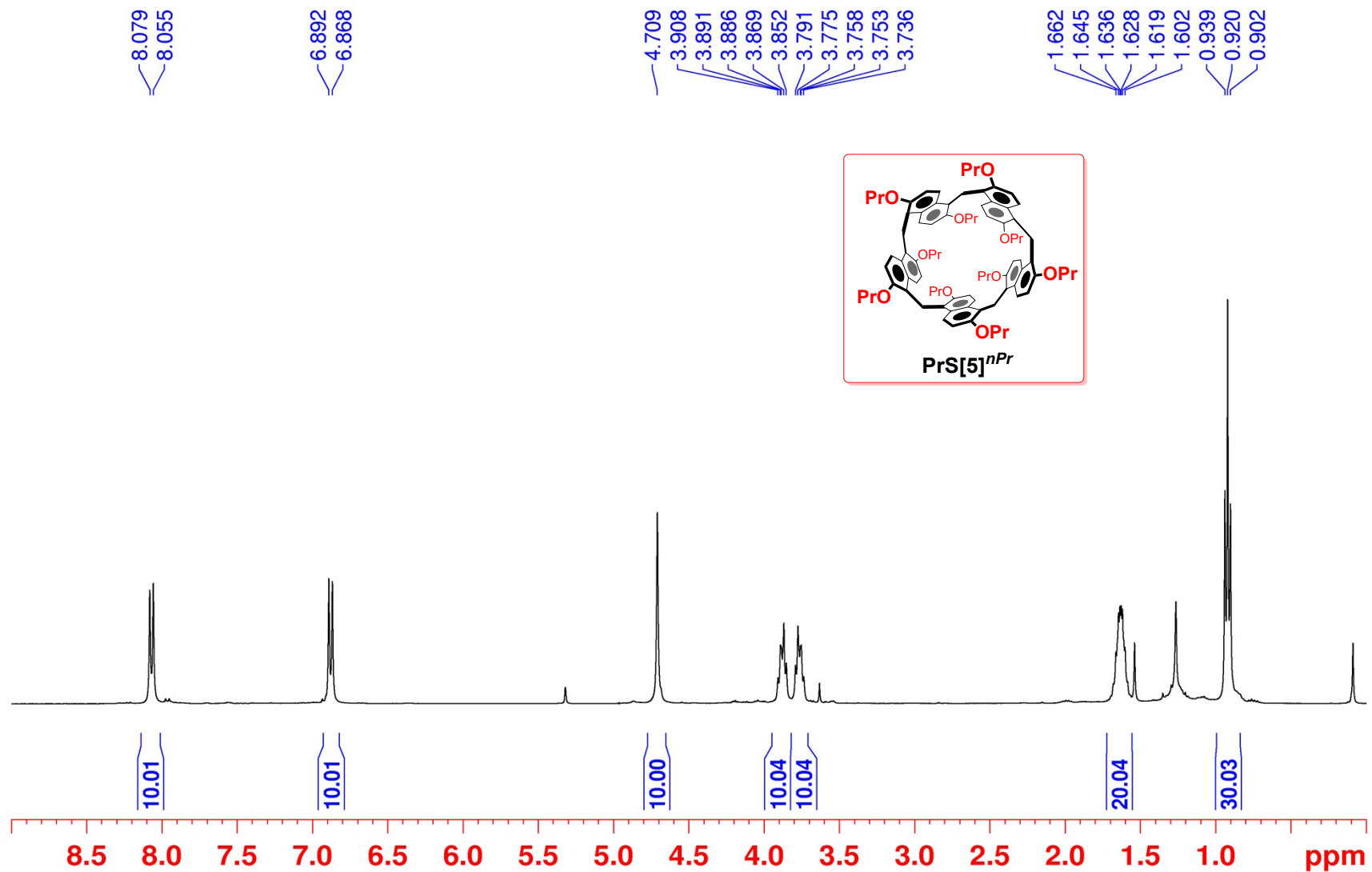


Figure S6: ¹H NMR spectrum of PrS[5]^{nPr} (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz, 298 K).

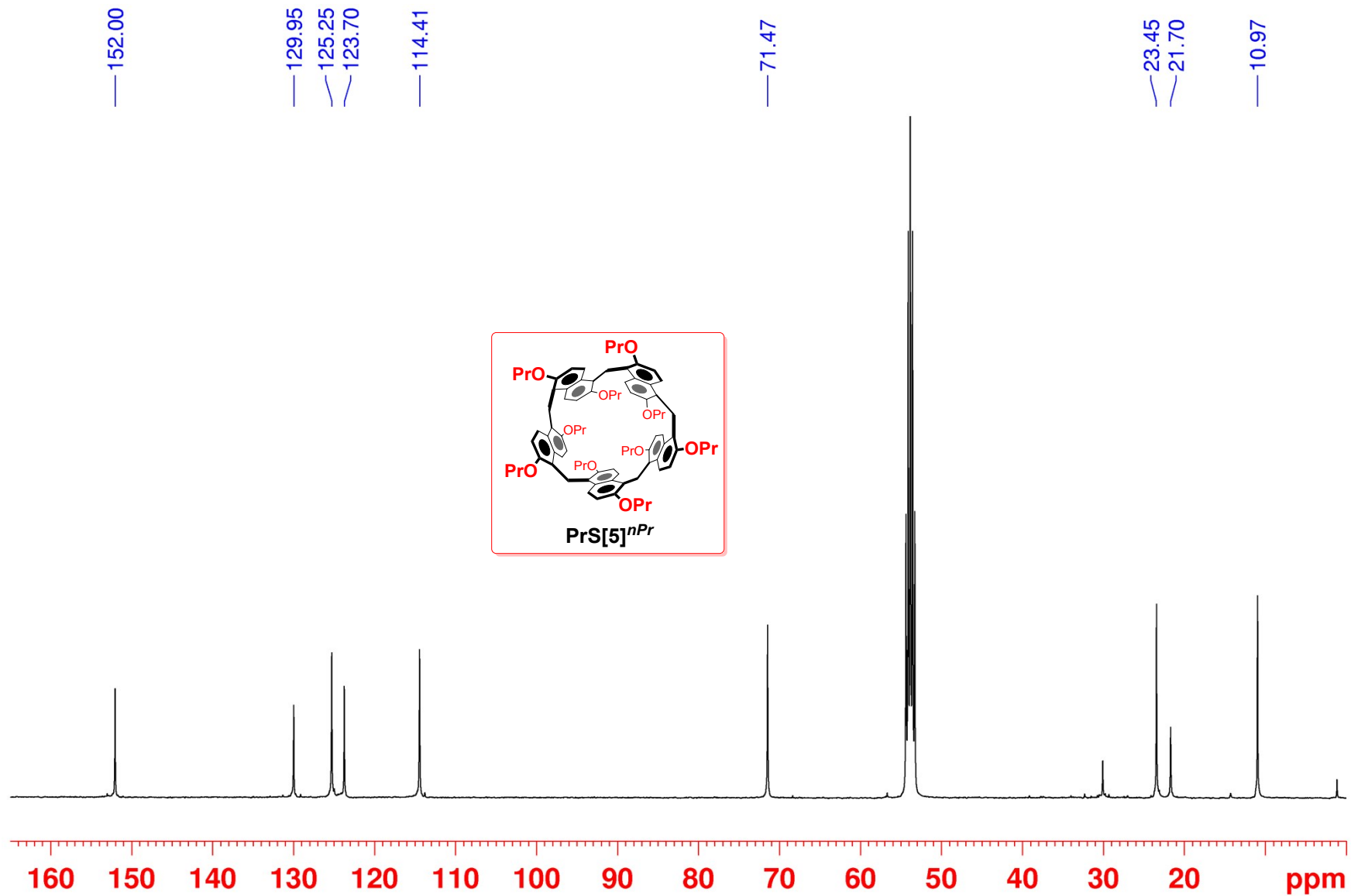


Figure S7: ^{13}C NMR spectra of $\text{PrS}[5]^{n\text{Pr}}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 100 MHz, 298 K).

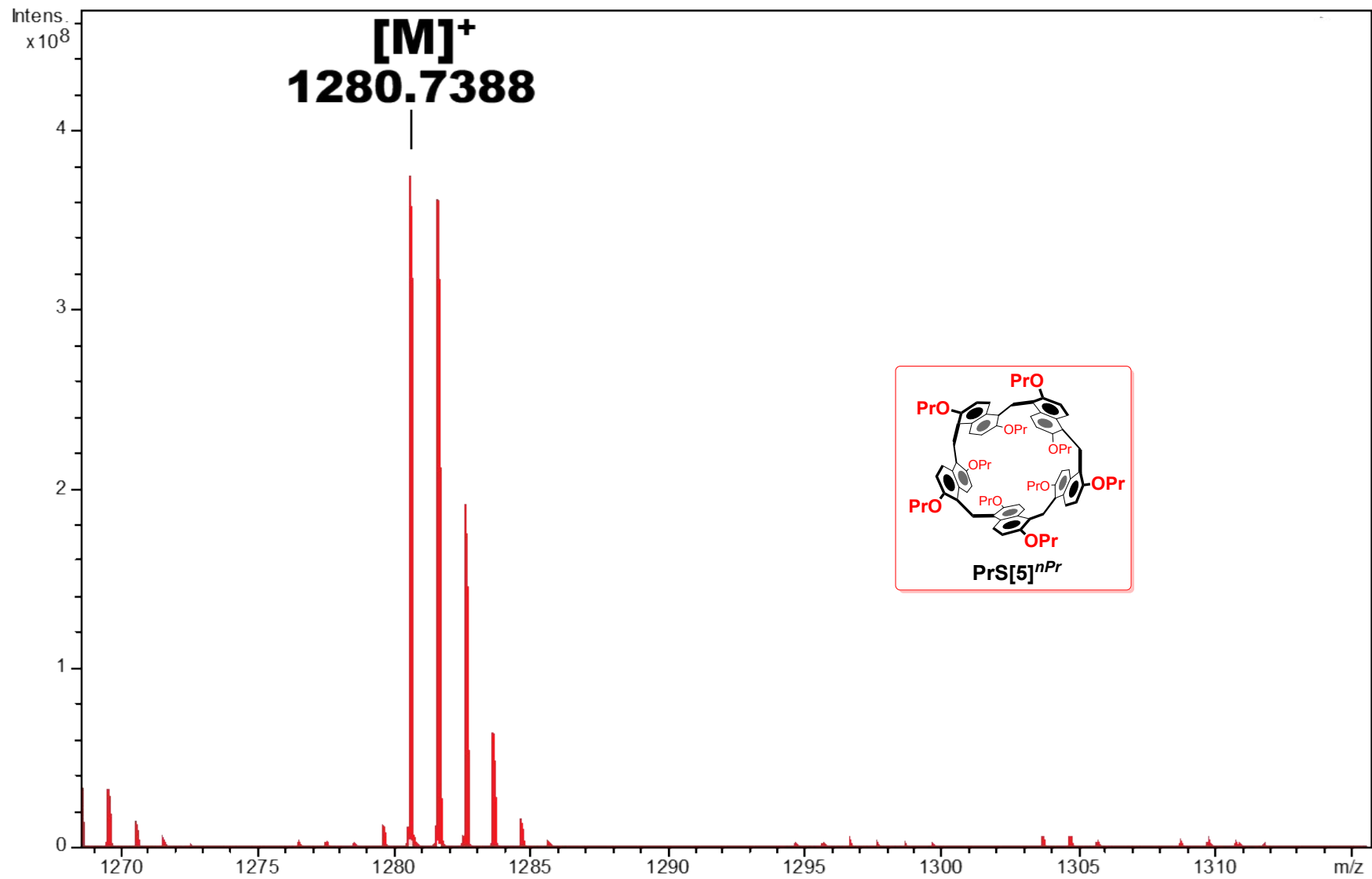


Figure S8: Significant portion of the HR MALDI FT-ICR mass spectrum of **PrS[5]^{nPr} [M]⁺**.

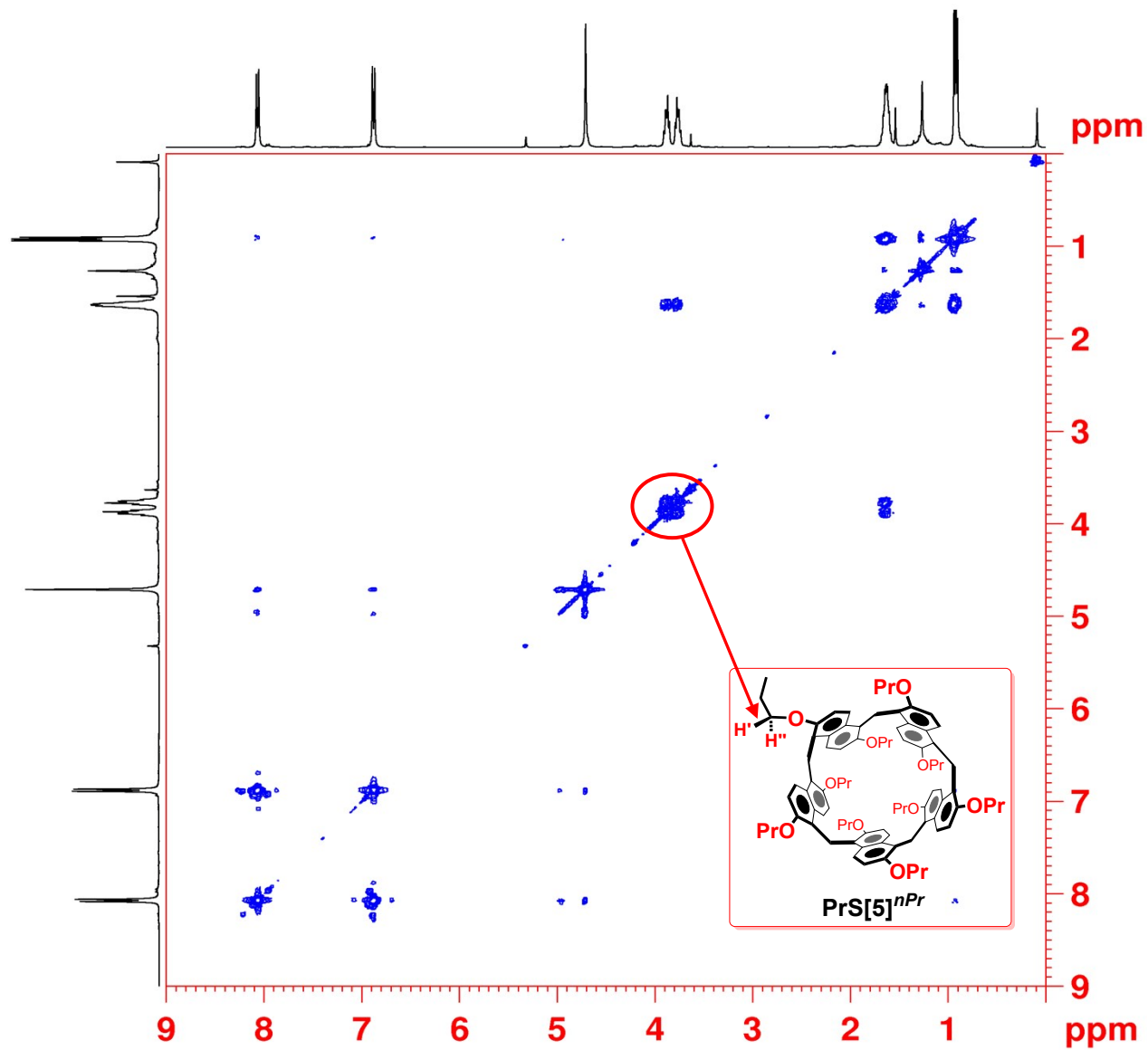


Figure S9: 2D-DQF COSY spectrum of $\text{PrS}[5]^{n\text{Pr}}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 400 MHz, 298 K).

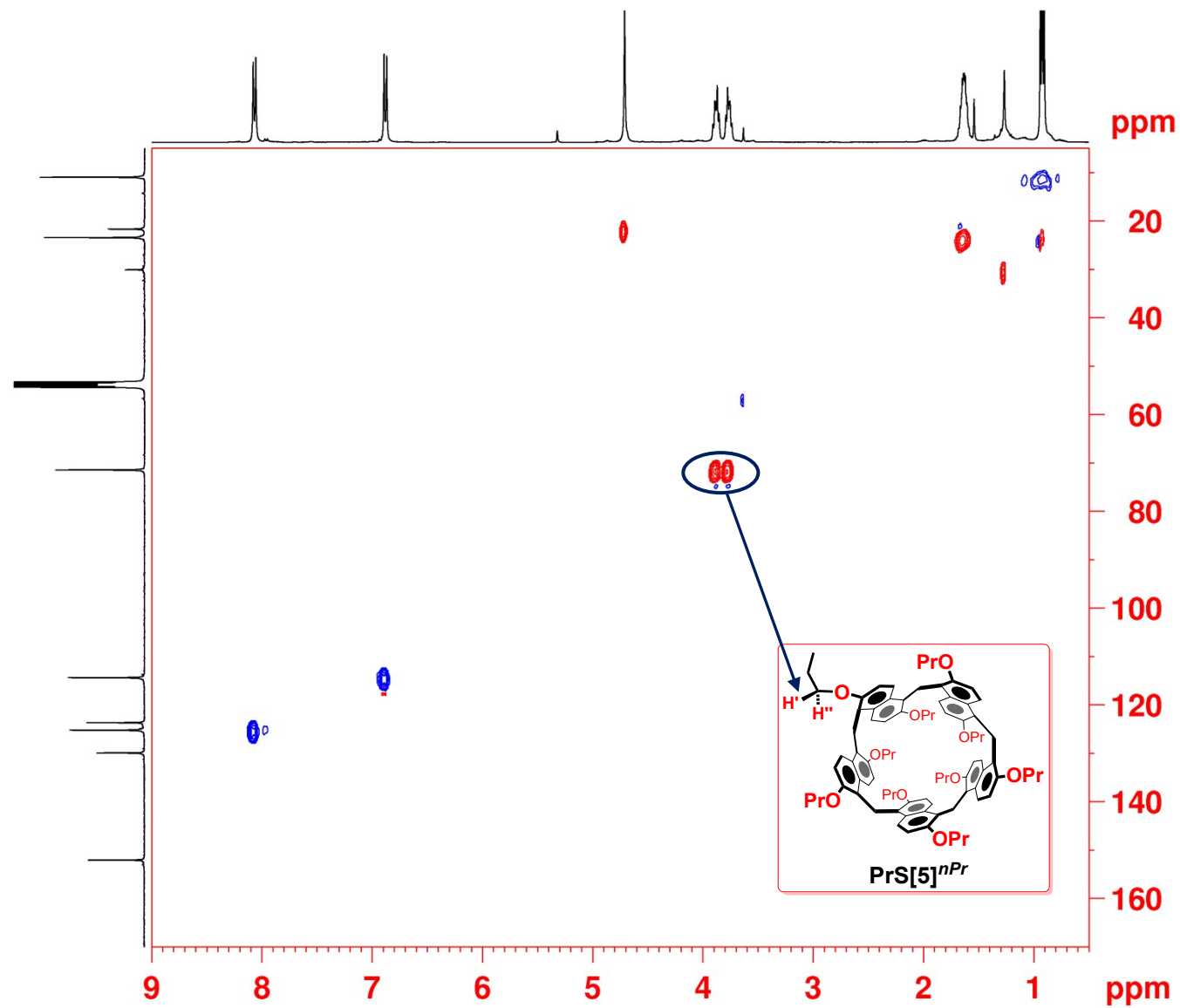


Figure S10: 2D-HSQC spectrum of $\text{PrS}[5]^{n\text{Pr}}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 400 MHz, 298 K).

Copies of NMR and HR mass spectrum of PrS[6]^{Et}

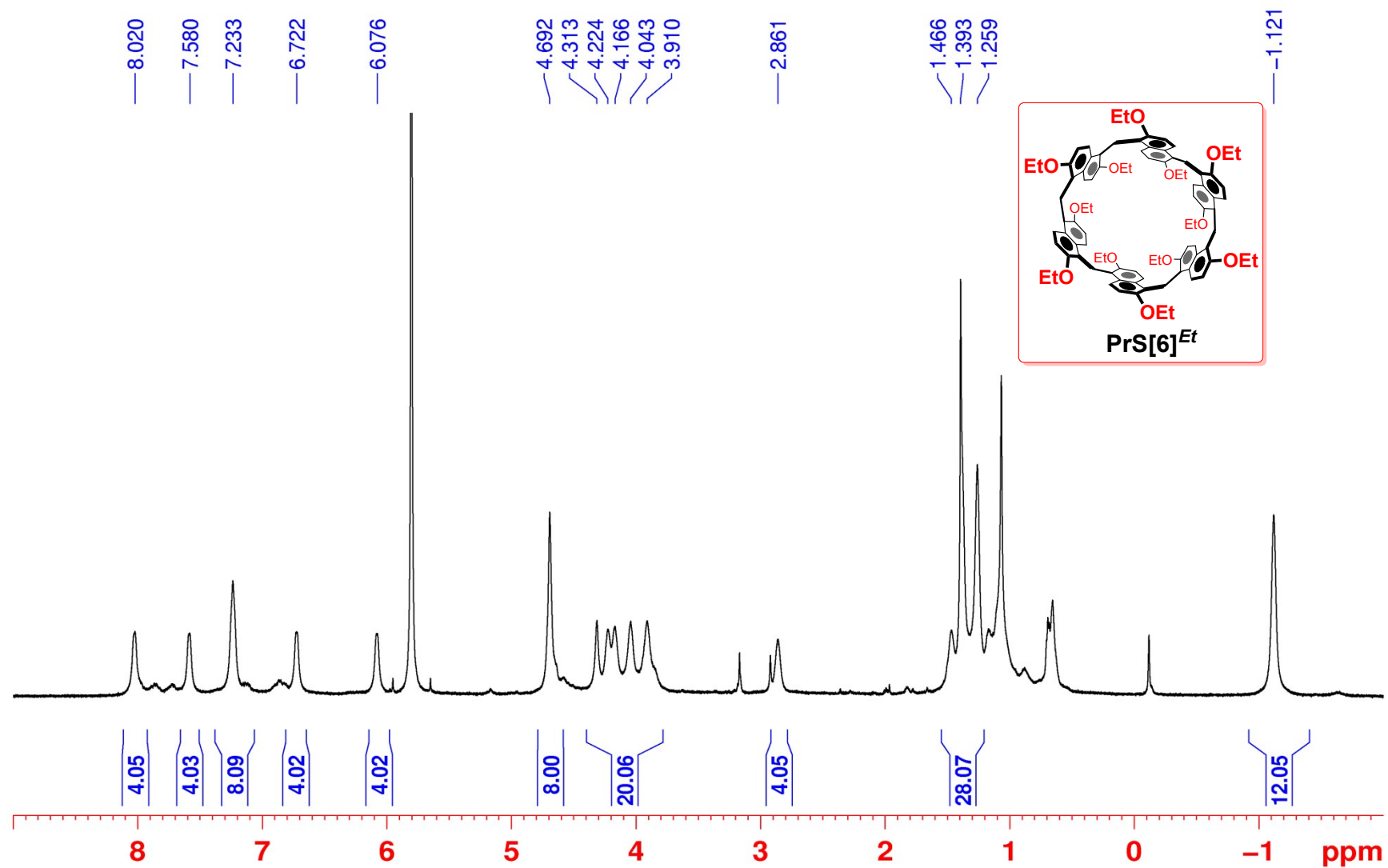


Figure S11: ¹H NMR spectrum of PrS[6]^{Et} (TCDE, 600 MHz, 298 K).

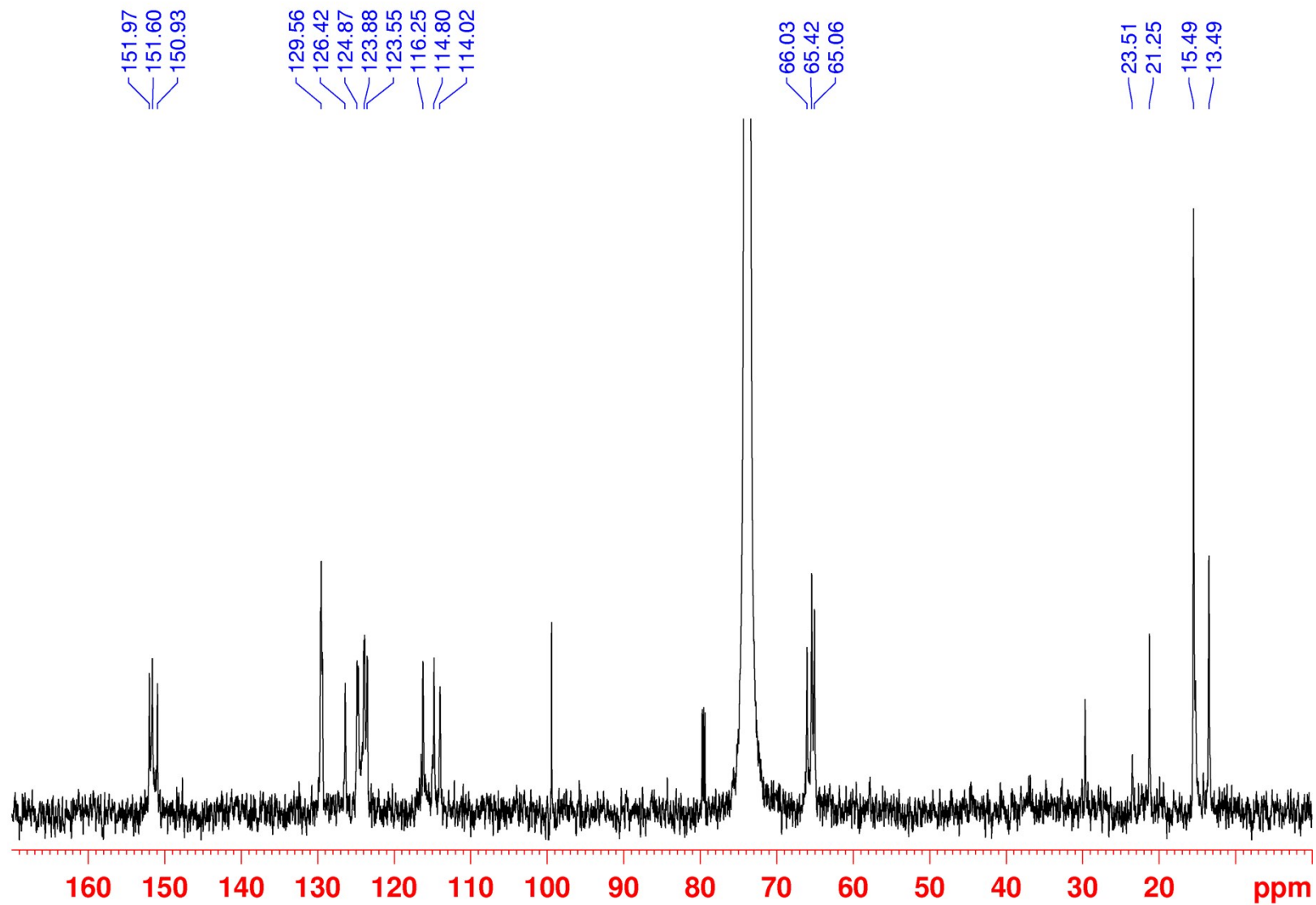


Figure S12: ^{13}C NMR spectra of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ (TCDE, 150 MHz, 298 K).

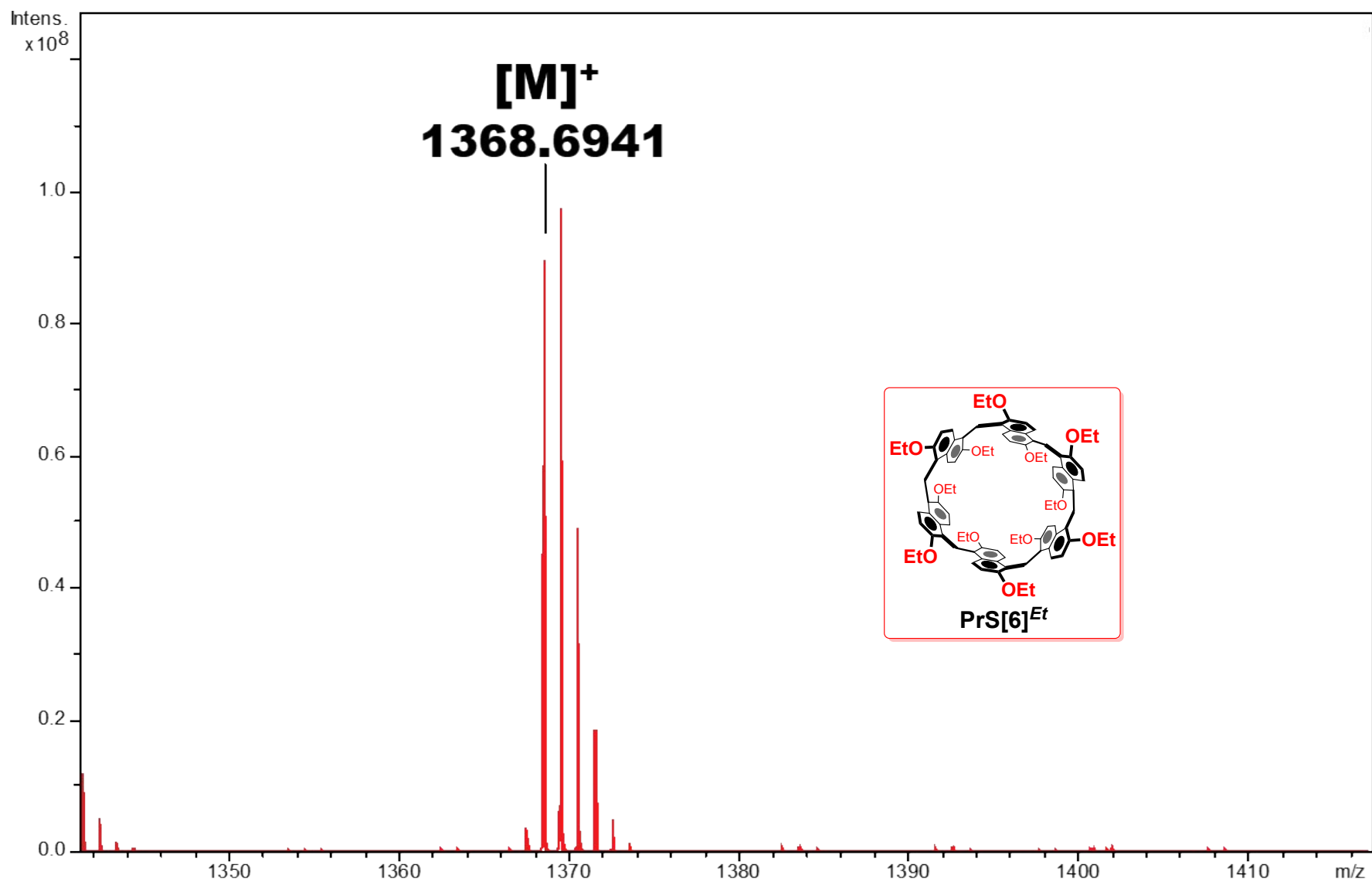


Figure S13: Significant portion of the HR MALDI FT-ICR mass spectrum of **PrS[6]^{Et} [M]⁺**.

Copies of NMR and HR mass spectrum of PrS[6]^{nPr}

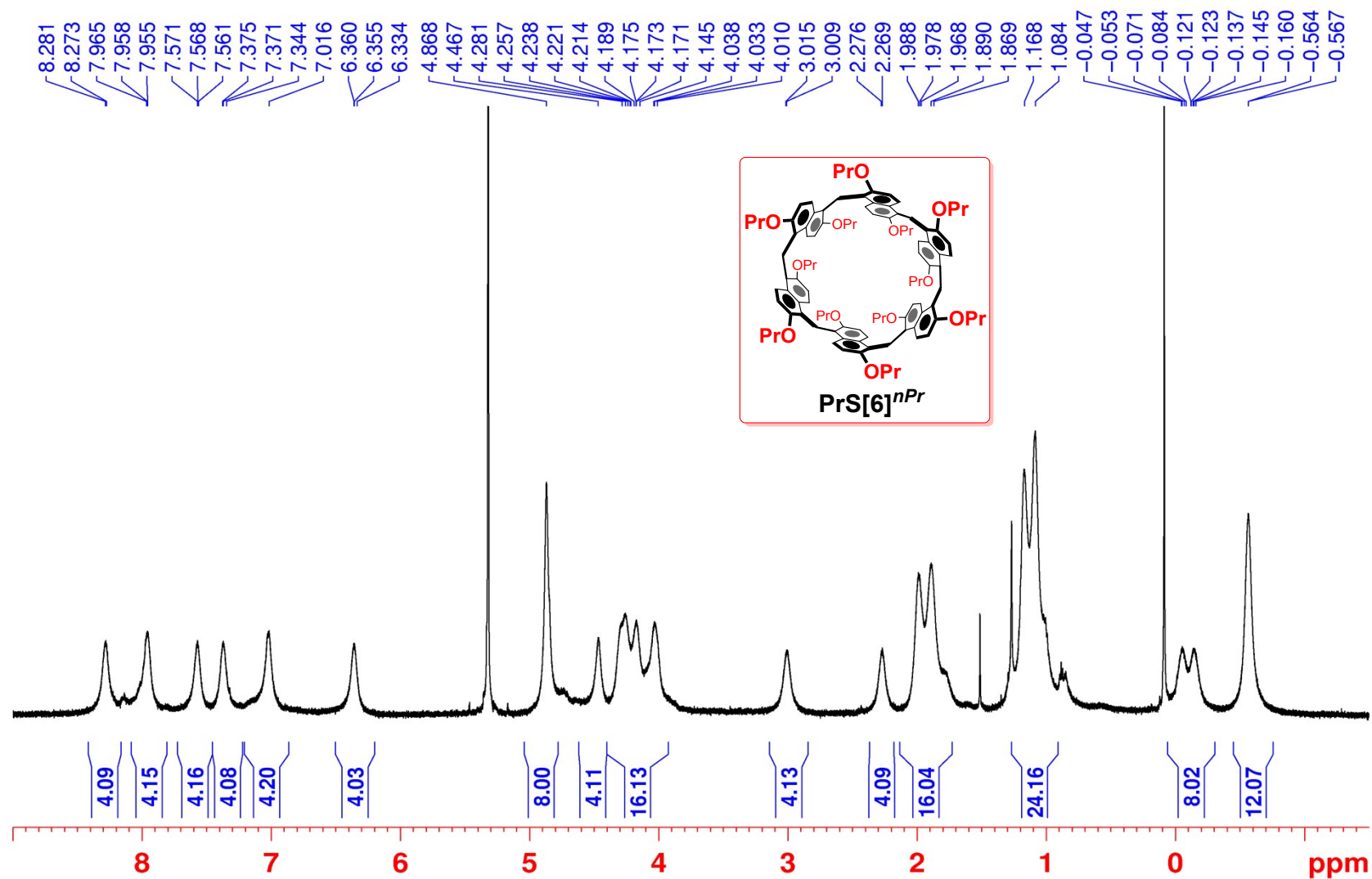


Figure S14: ¹H NMR spectrum of PrS[6]^{nPr} (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz, 298 K).

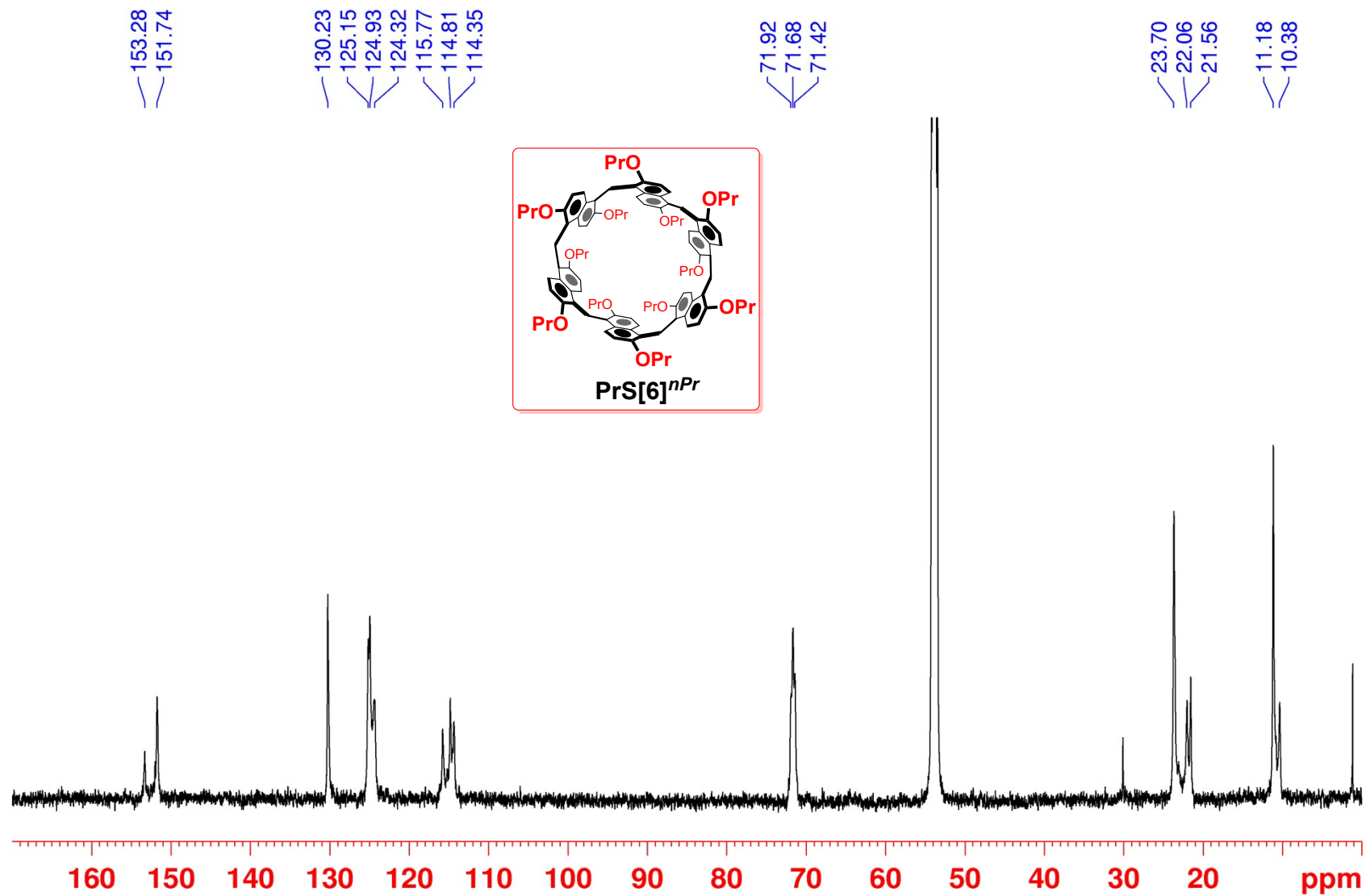


Figure S15: ^{13}C NMR spectra of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 150 MHz, 298 K).

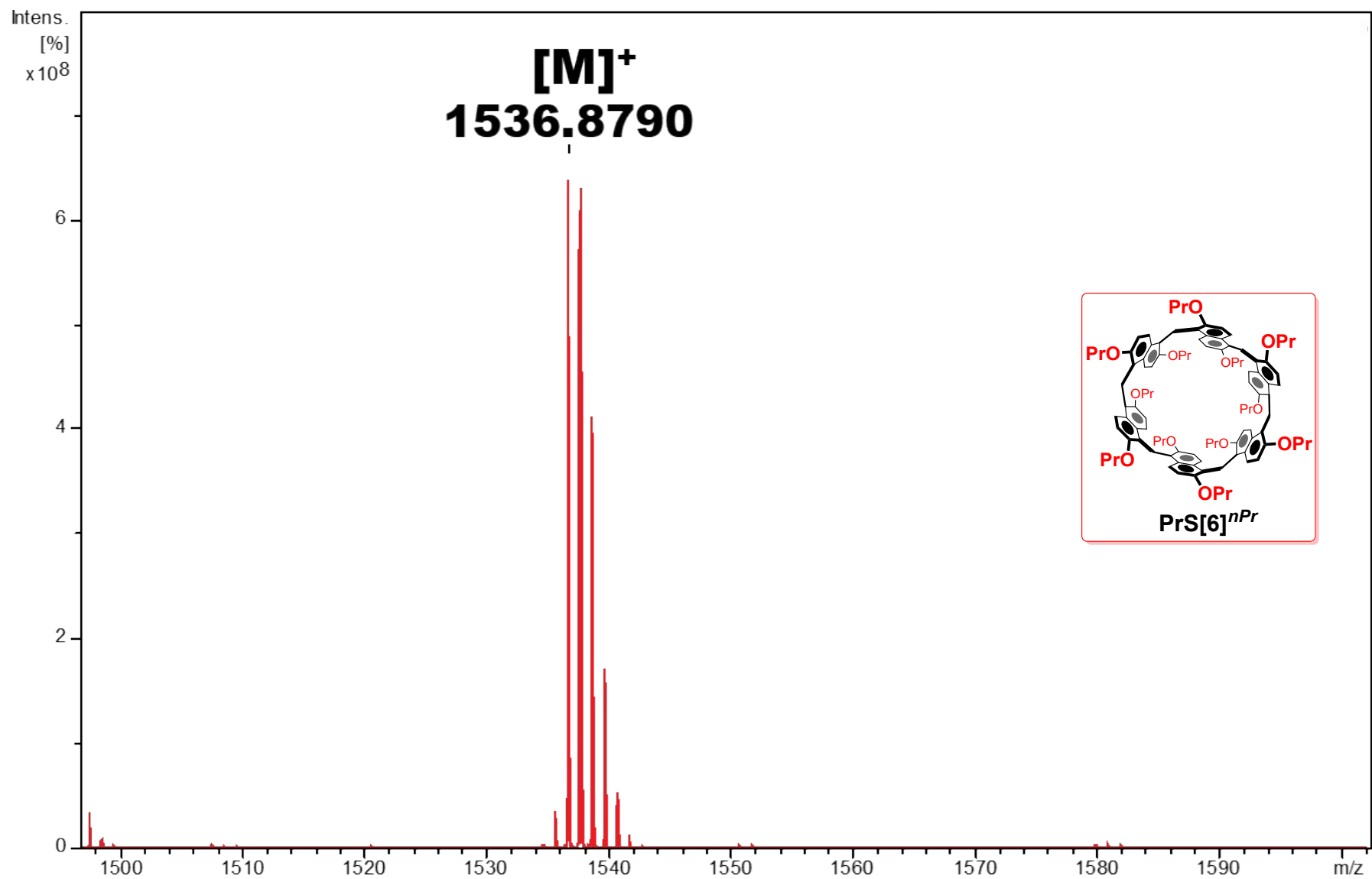


Figure S16: Significant portion of the HR MALDI FT-ICR mass spectrum of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr} [M]^+$.

Copies of NMR and HR mass spectrum of PrS[6]^{nBu}

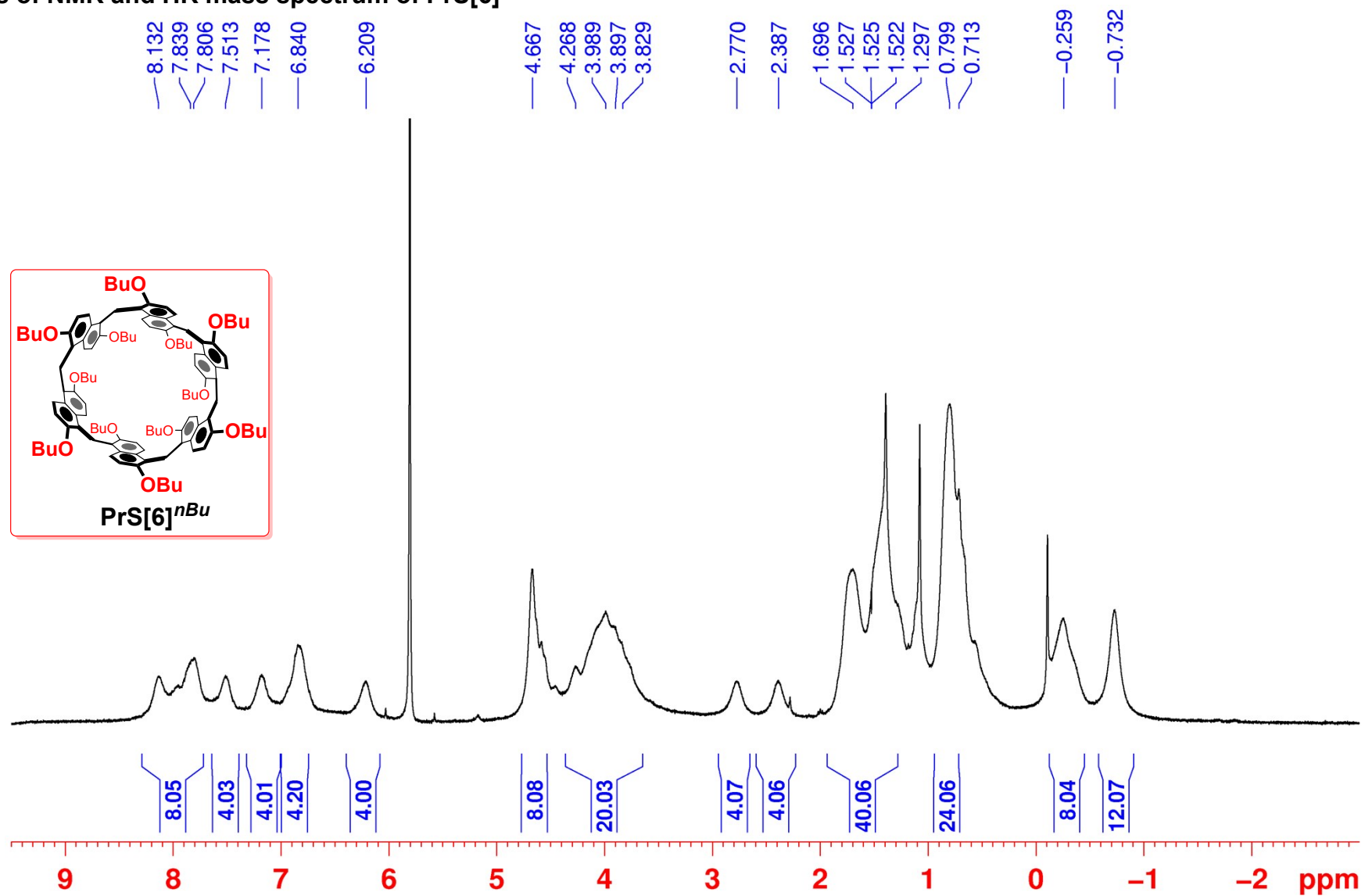


Figure S17: ¹H NMR spectrum of PrS[6]^{nBu} (TCDE, 400 MHz, 298 K).

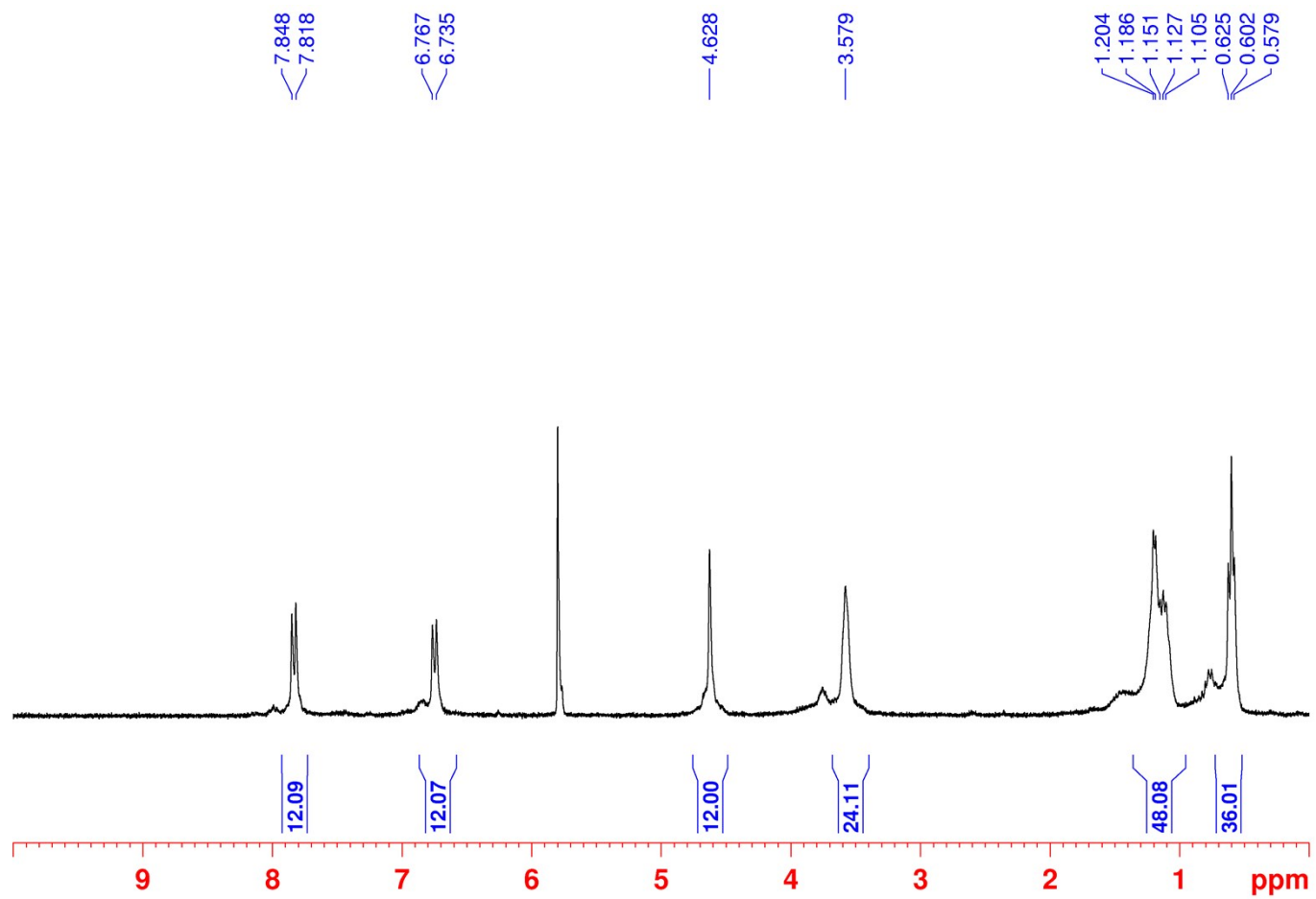


Figure S18: ¹H NMR spectrum of PrS[6]^{nBu} (TCDE, 400 MHz, 393 K).

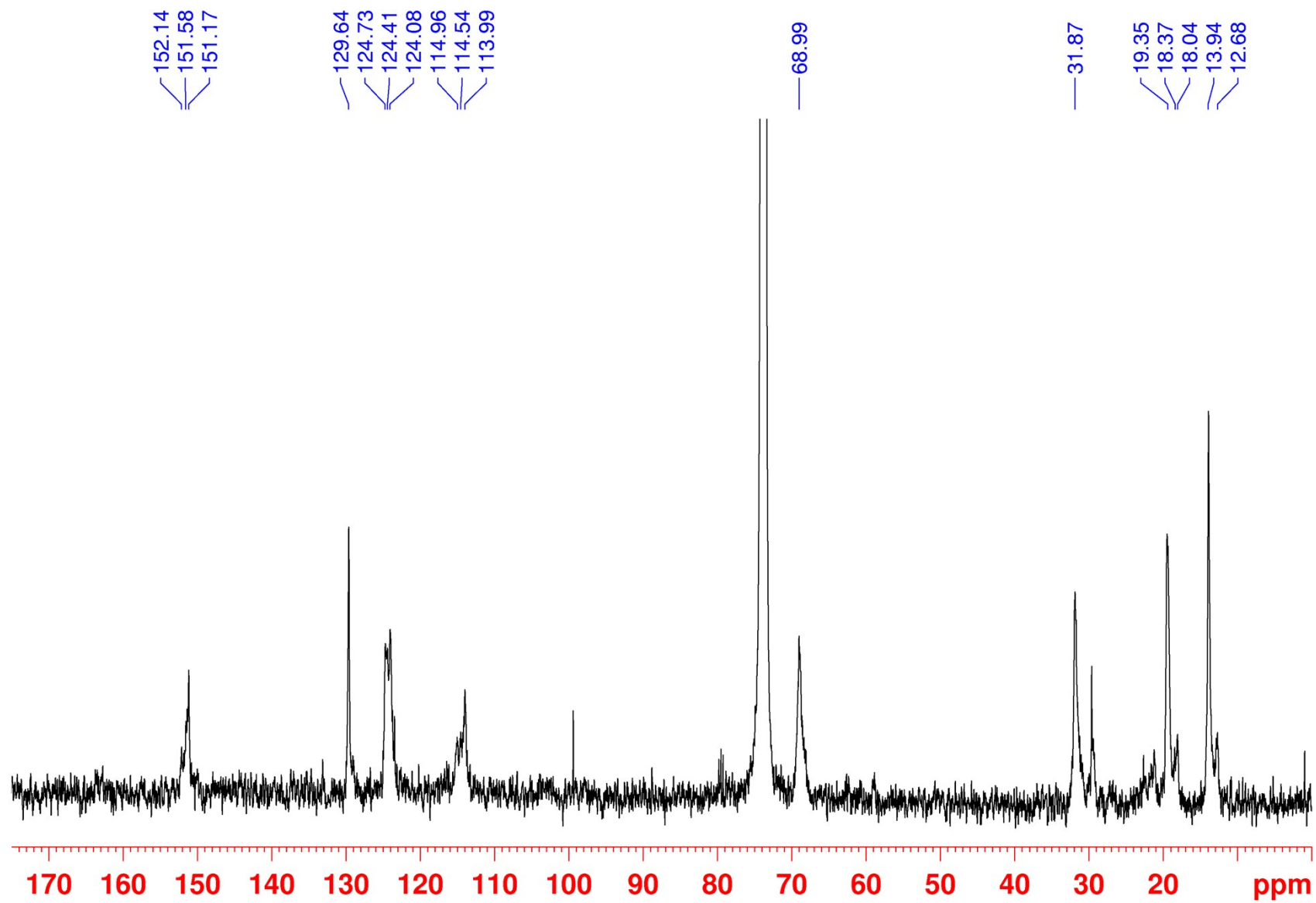


Figure S19: ^{13}C NMR spectra of $\text{PrS}[6]^{n\text{Bu}}$ (TCDE, 100 MHz, 298 K).

Copies of NMR and HR mass spectrum of PrS[6]^{nPn}

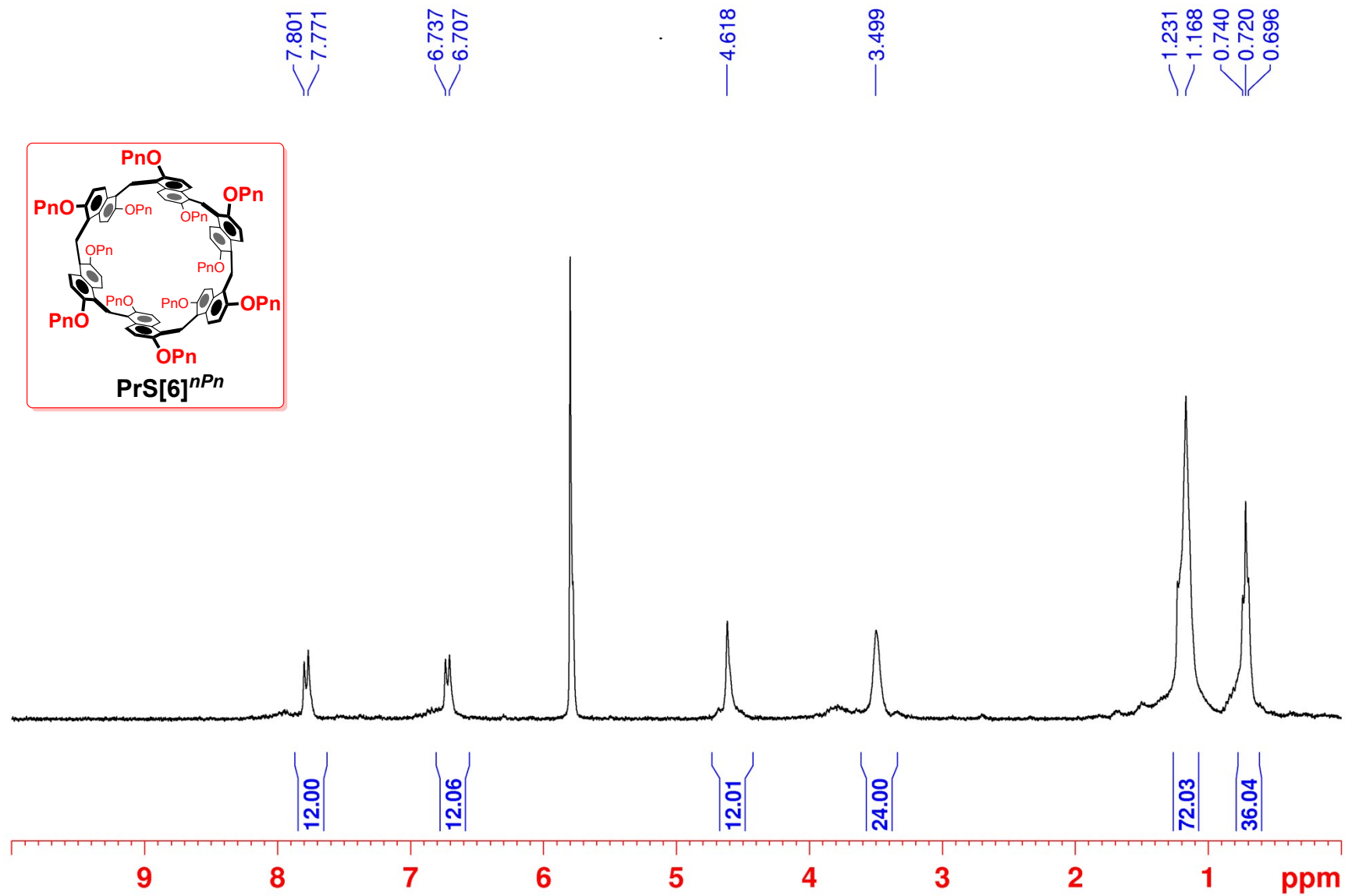


Figure S20: ¹H NMR spectrum of PrS[6]^{nPn} (TCDE, 300 MHz, 393 K).

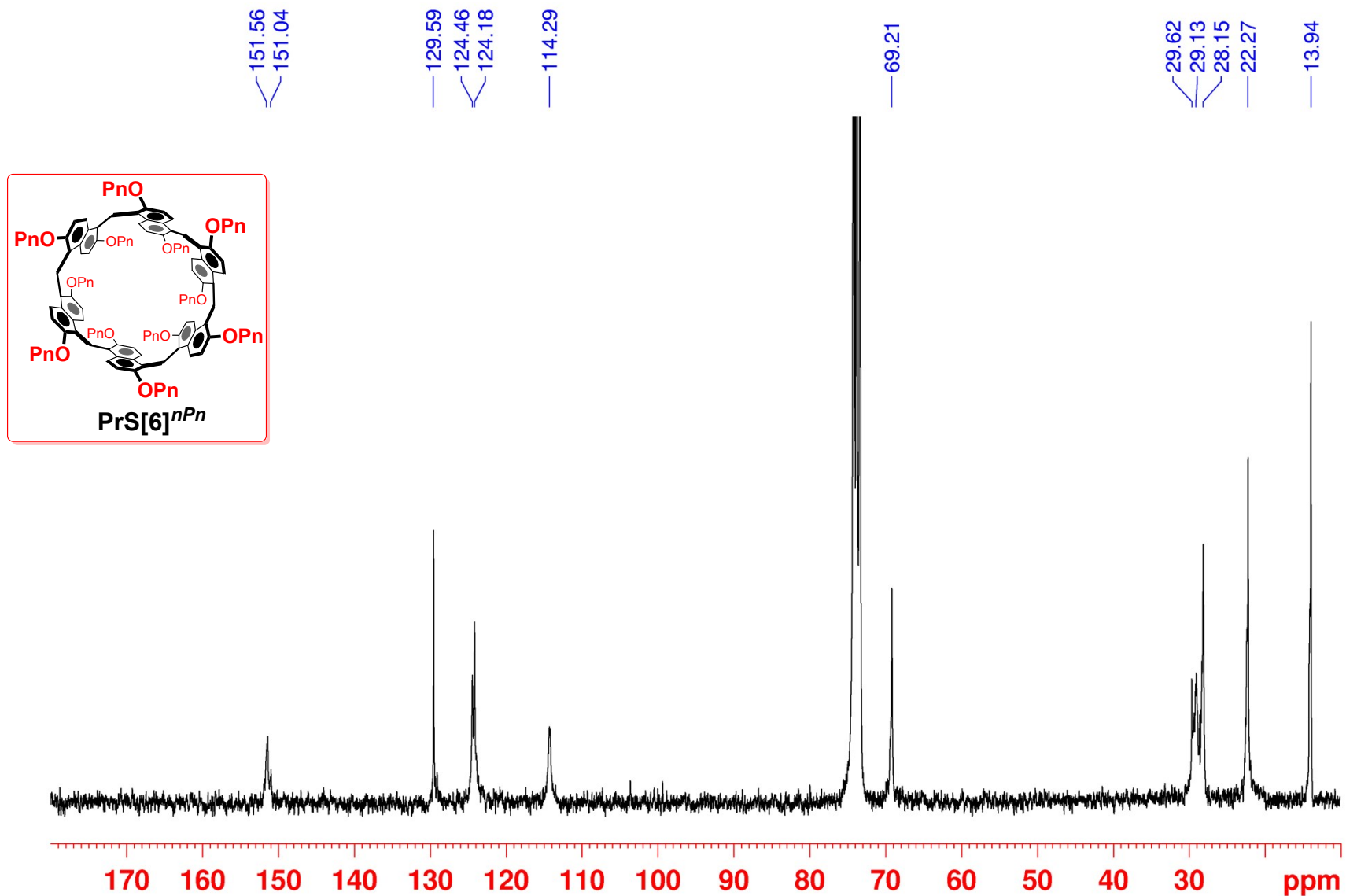


Figure S21: ^{13}C NMR spectra of $\text{PrS}[6]^{n\text{Pr}}$ (TCDE, 62.5 MHz, 298 K).

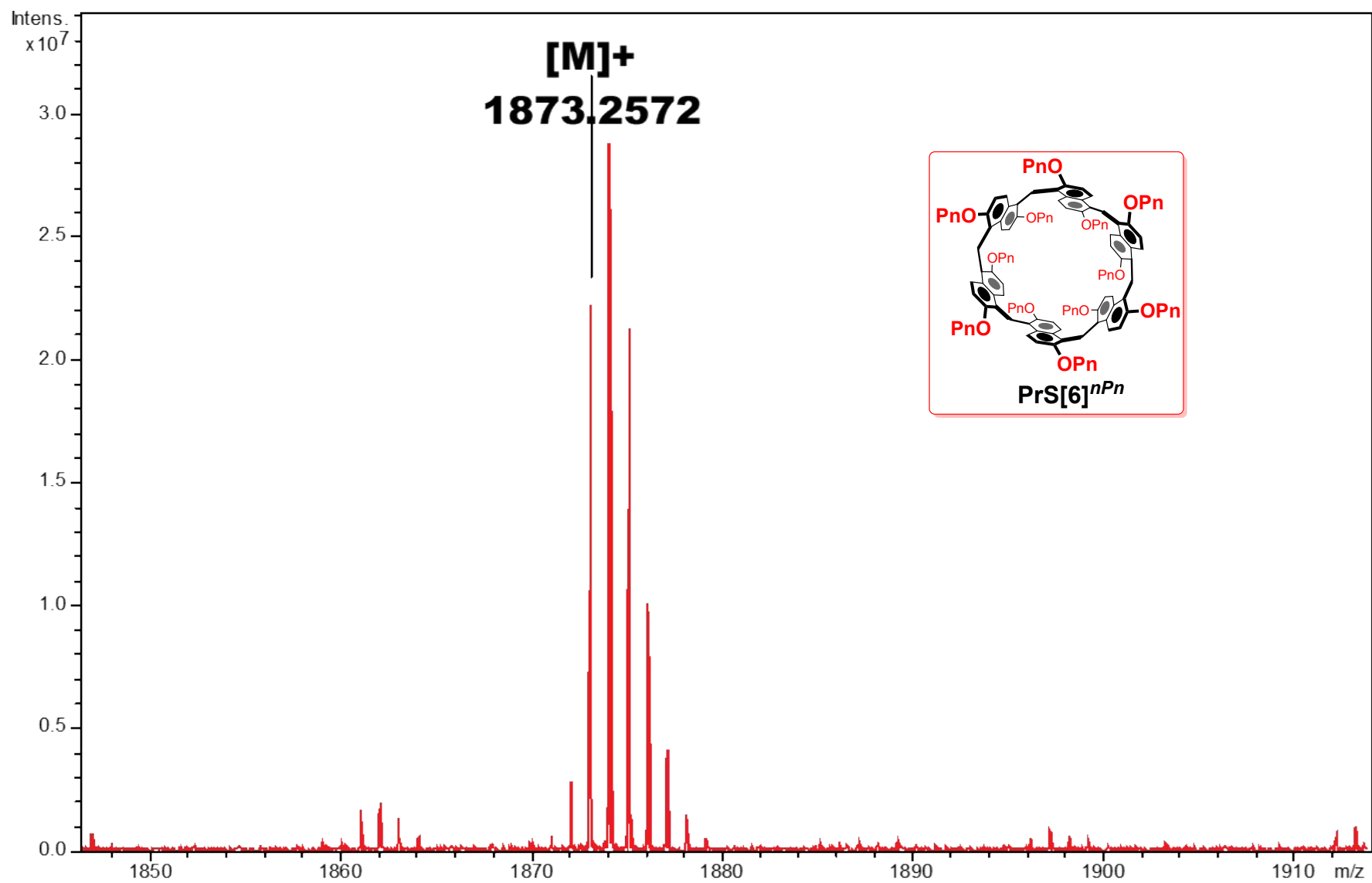


Figure S22: Significant portion of the HR MALDI FT-ICR mass spectrum of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPn} [M]^+$.

Low temperature 1D and 2D NMR spectra of PrS[6]^{Et}

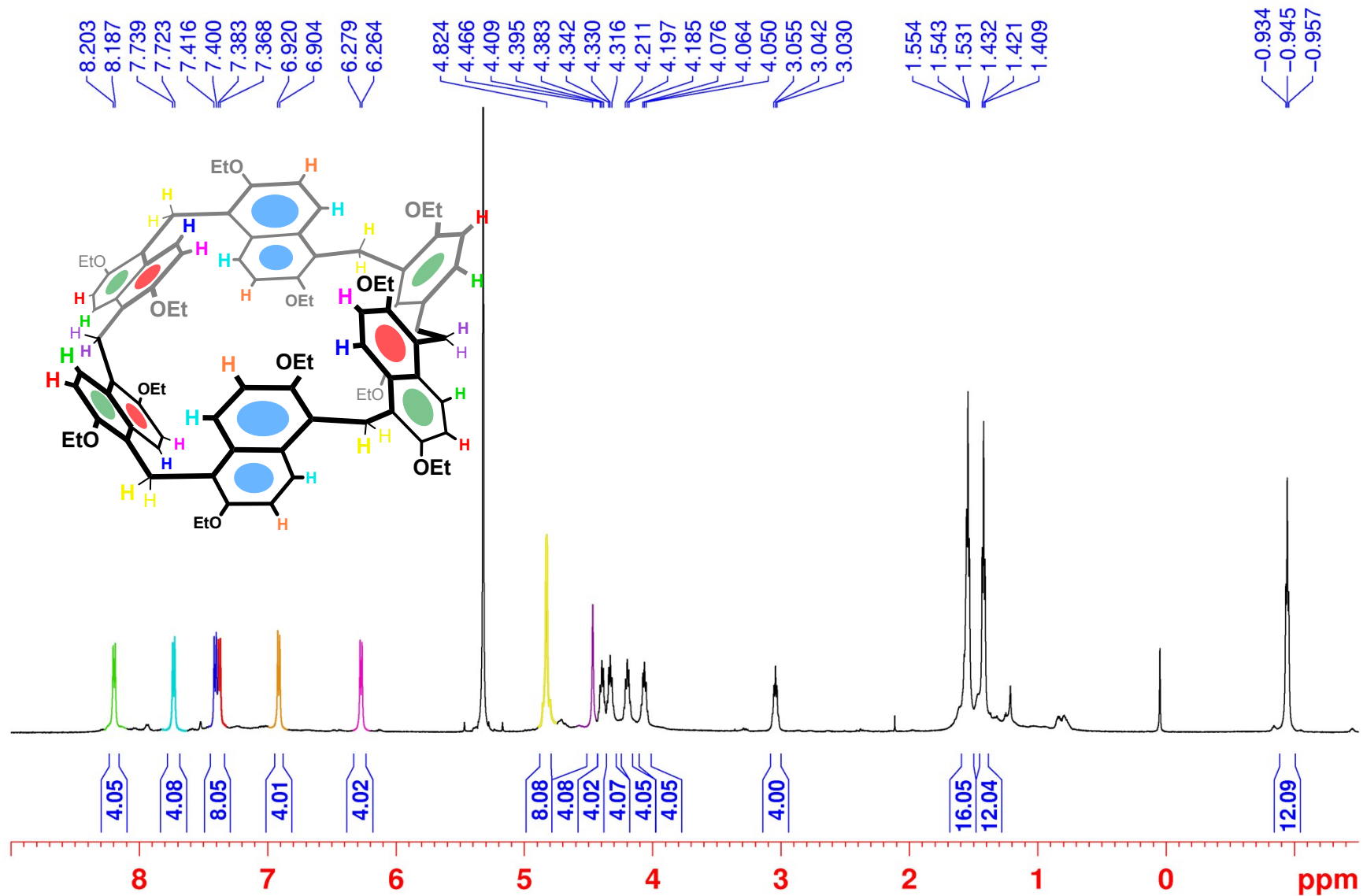


Figure S23: ¹H NMR spectrum of PrS[6]^{Et} (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz, 243 K).

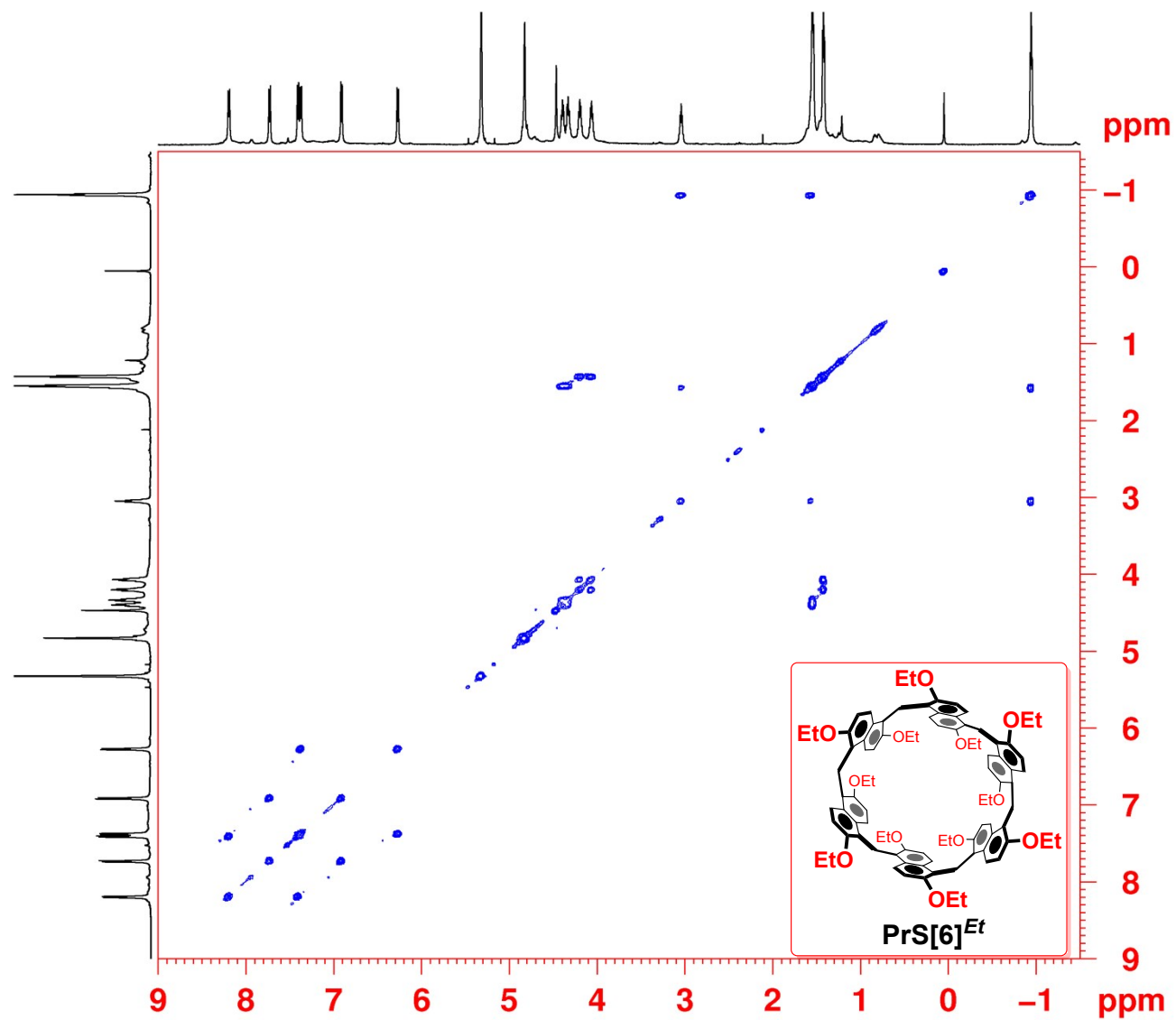


Figure S24: 2D-DQF COSY spectrum of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 600 MHz, 243 K).

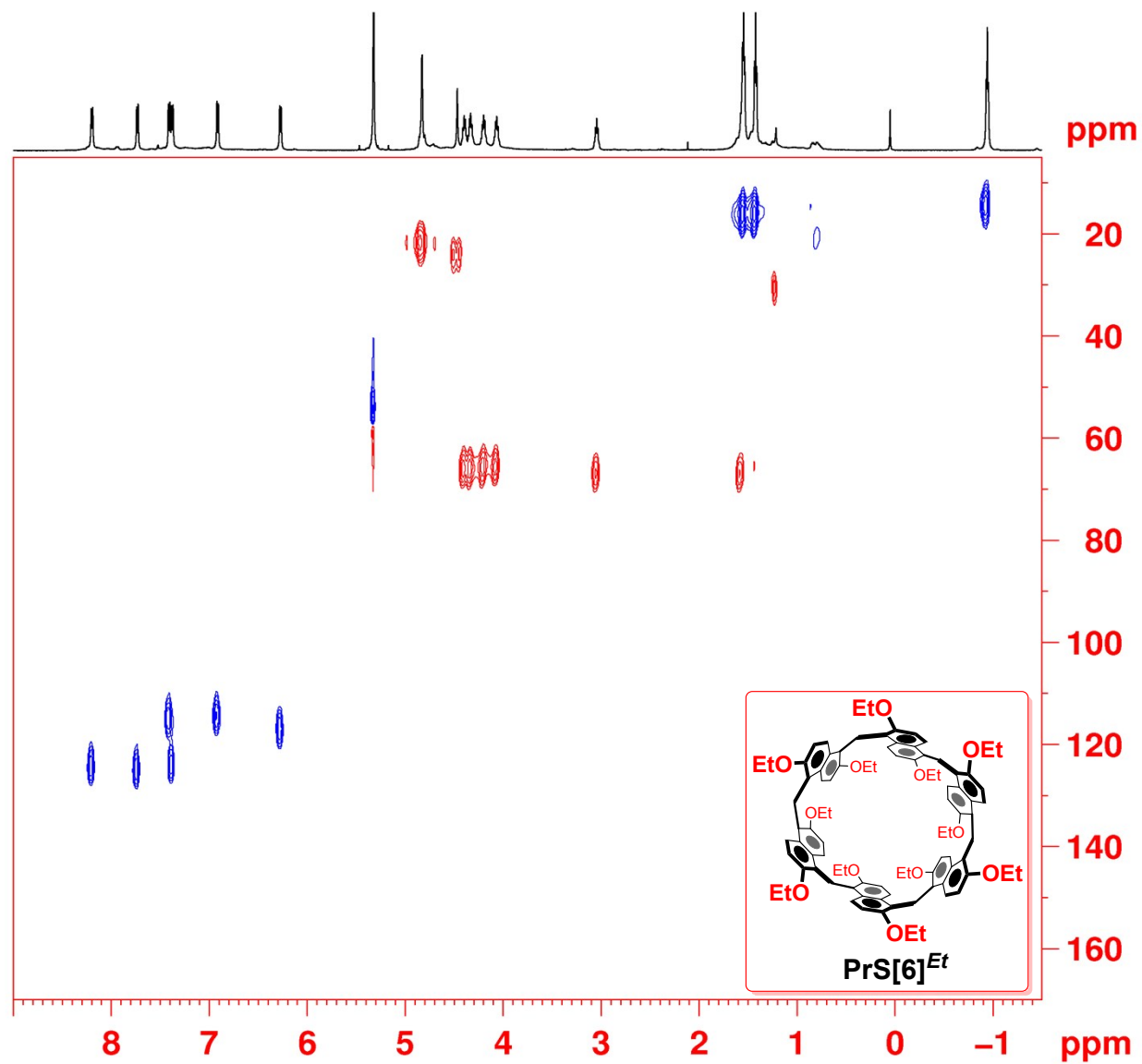


Figure S25: 2D-HSQC spectrum of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 600 MHz, 243 K).

Low temperature 1D and 2D NMR spectra of PrS[6]^{nPr}

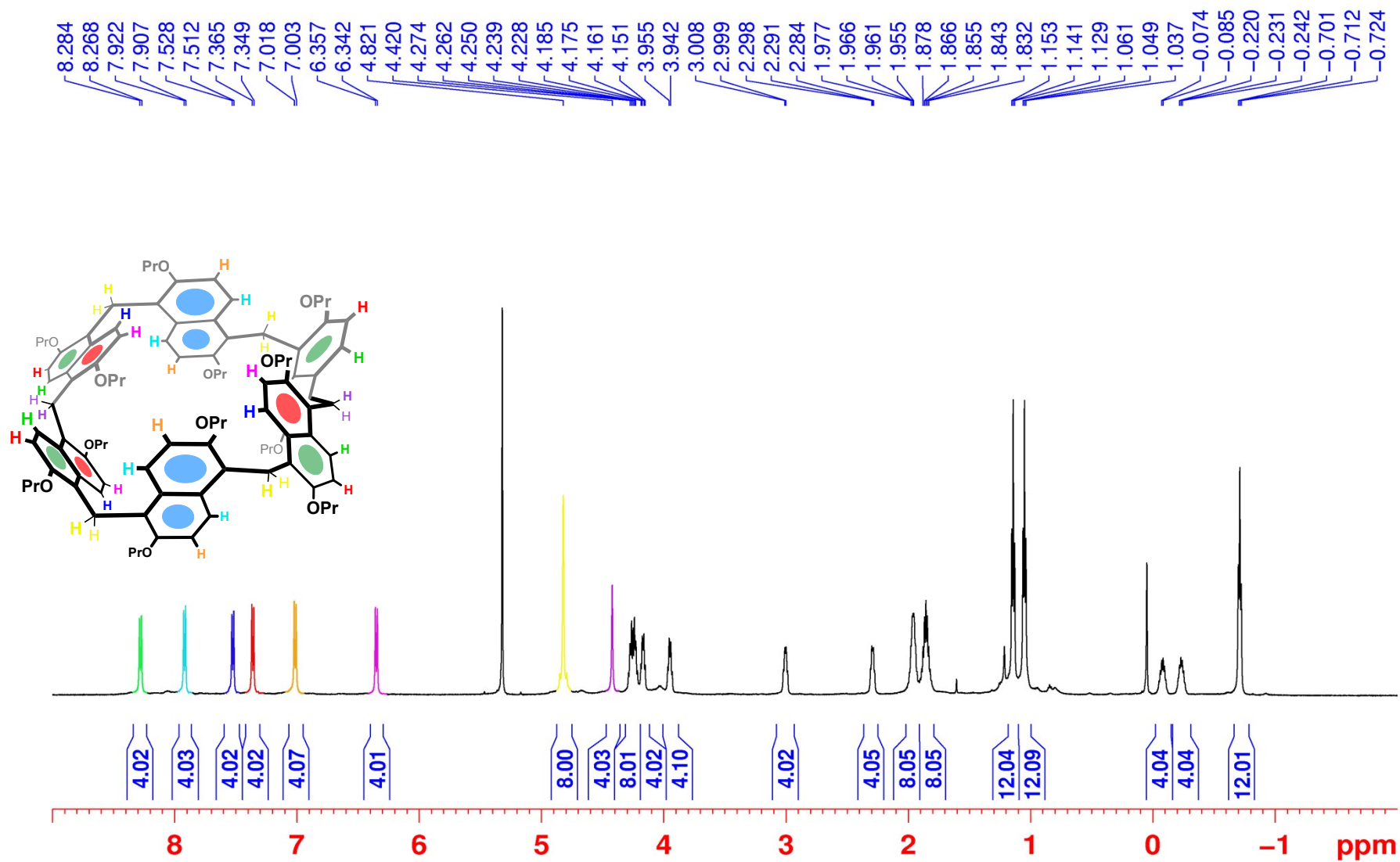


Figure S26: ¹H NMR spectrum of PrS[6]^{nPr} (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz, 243 K).

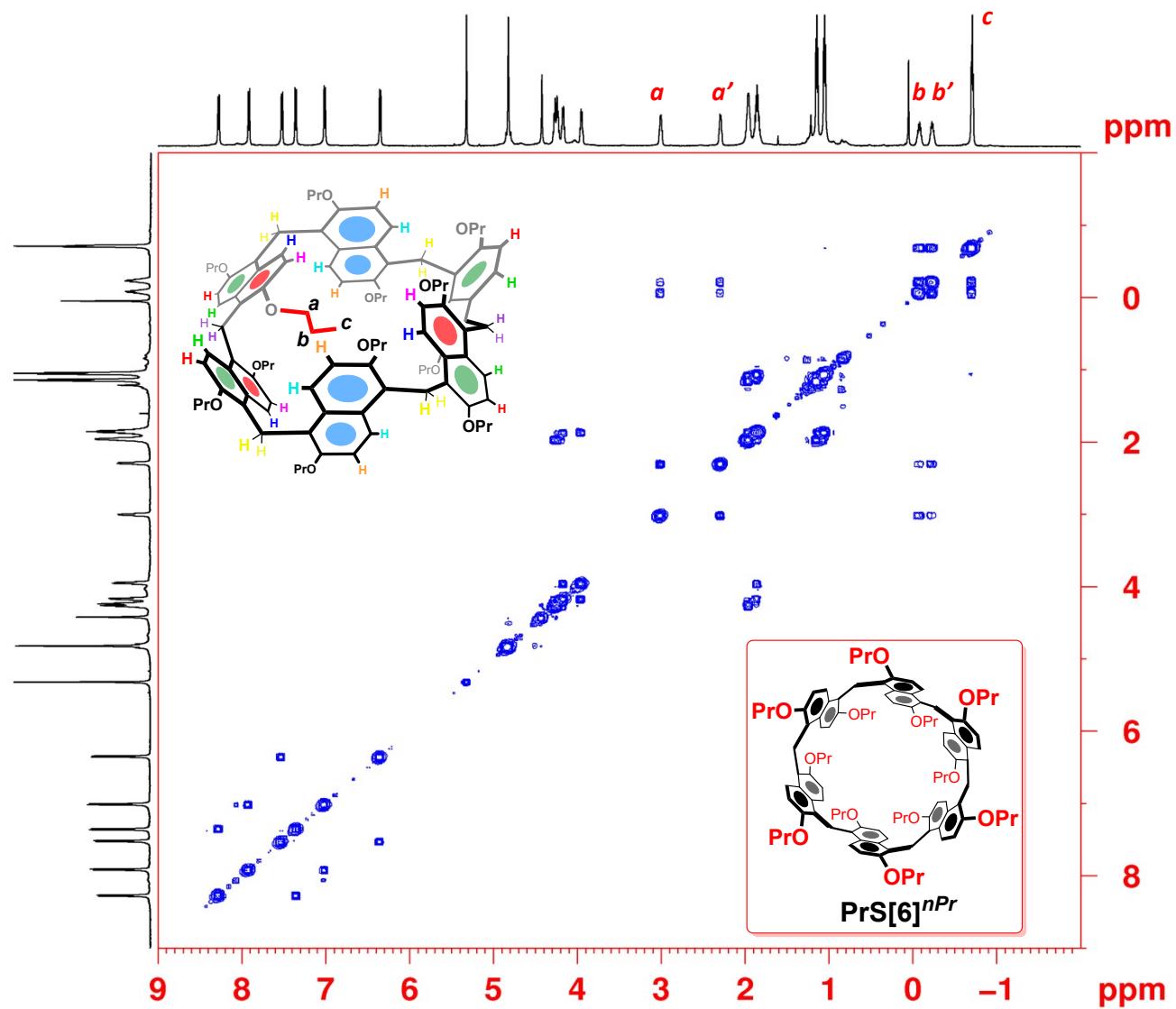


Figure S27: 2D-DQF COSY spectrum of $\text{PrS}[6]^{n\text{Pr}}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 600 MHz, 243 K).

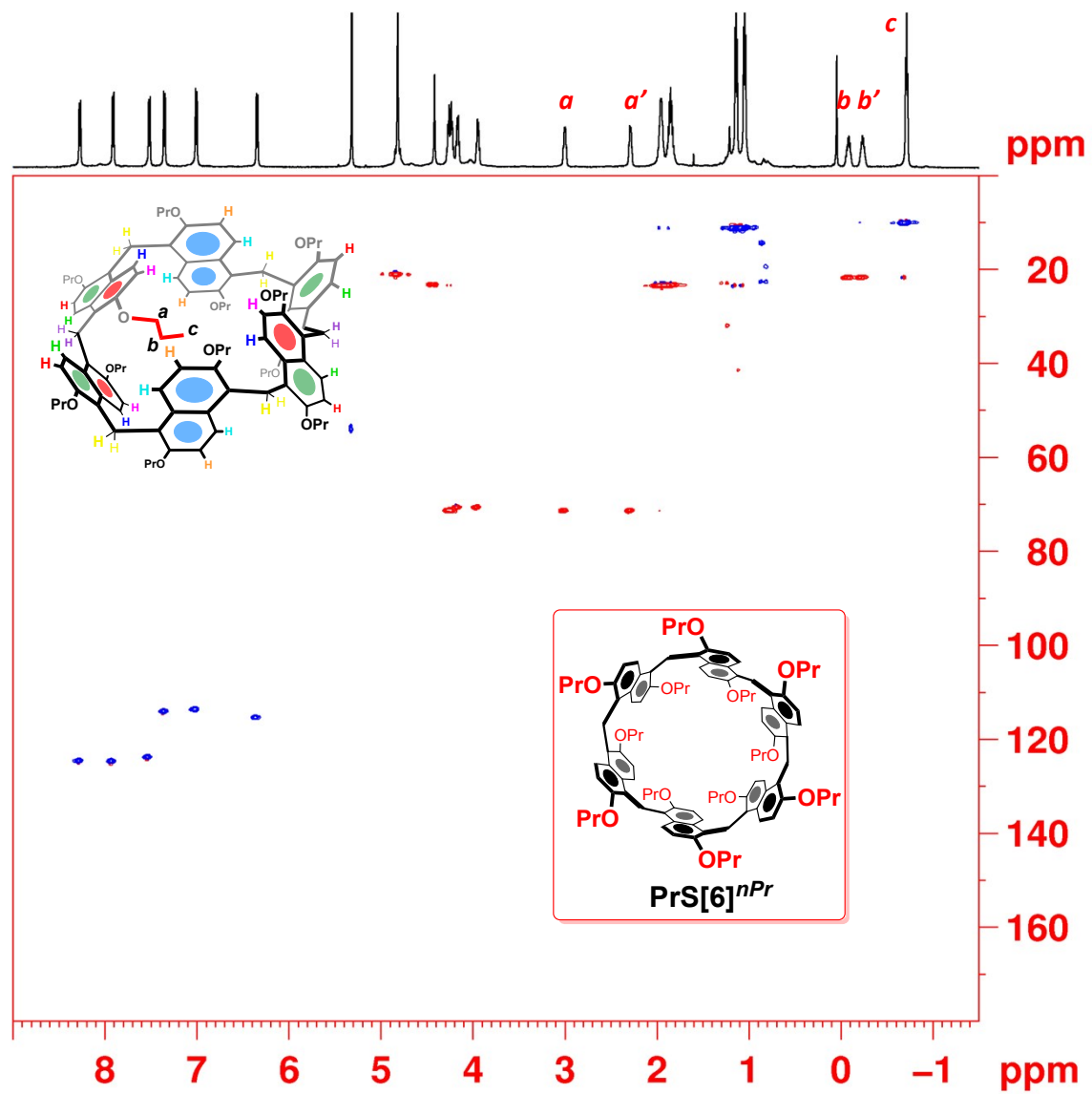


Figure S28: 2D-HSQC spectrum of $\text{PrS}[6]^{n\text{Pr}}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 600 MHz, 243 K).

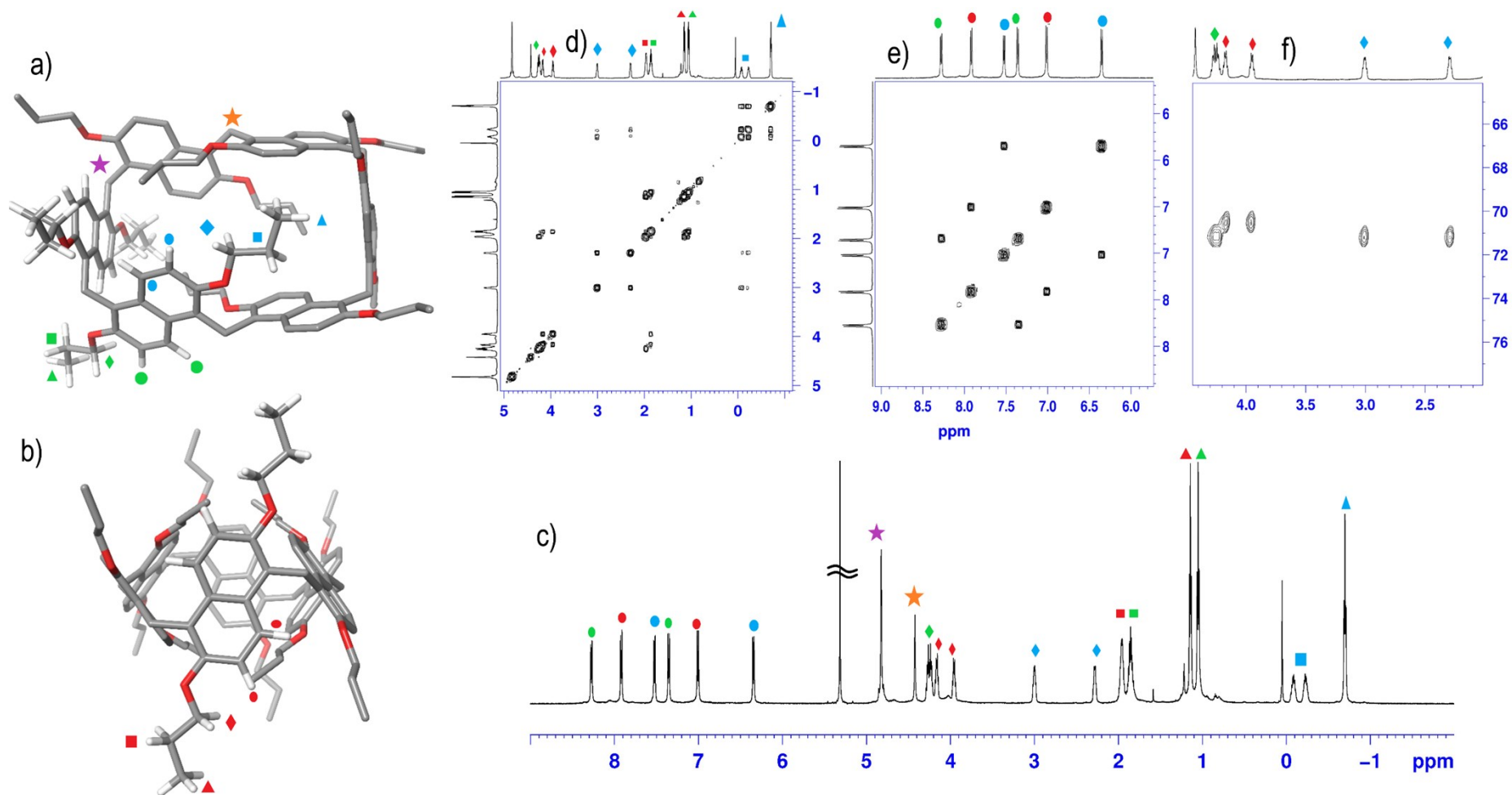


Figure S29. (a and b) Different views of the DFT-optimized structure of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ at the B97D3/SVP/SVPFIT level of theory. (c) ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ in CD_2Cl_2 at 243 K (600 MHz). (d,e) Significant portions of the 2D COSY spectrum of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 243 K). (f) Significant portions of the 2D HSQC spectrum of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ in which the resonances of distereotopic OCH_2 groups are reported. The assignment of ^1H NMR signals is indicated by the colored symbols of (a and b).

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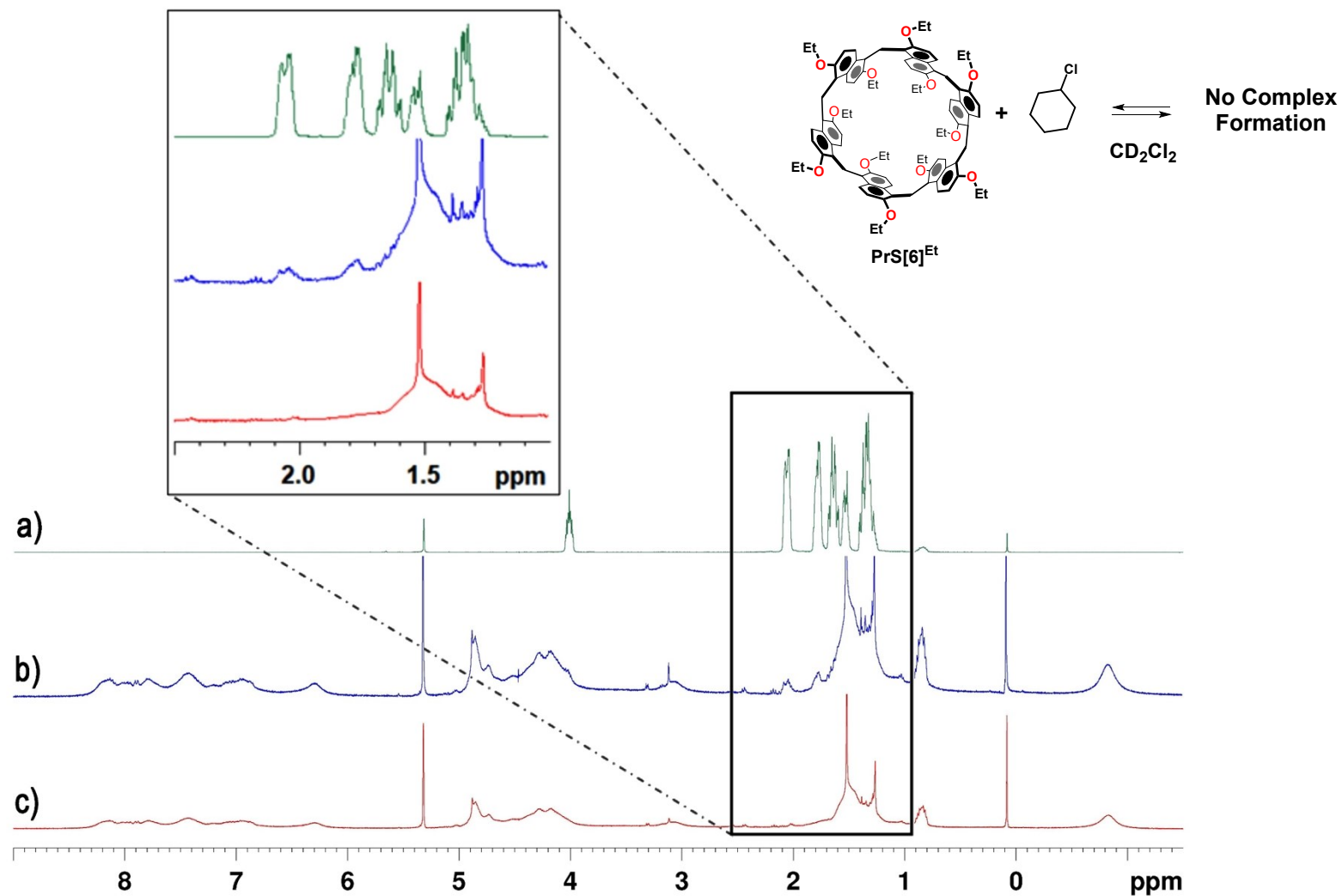


Figure S30: ¹H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K) of: (a) chlorocyclohexane, (b) an equimolar solution of PrS[6]^{Et} and chlorocyclohexane and (c) PrS[6]^{Et}.

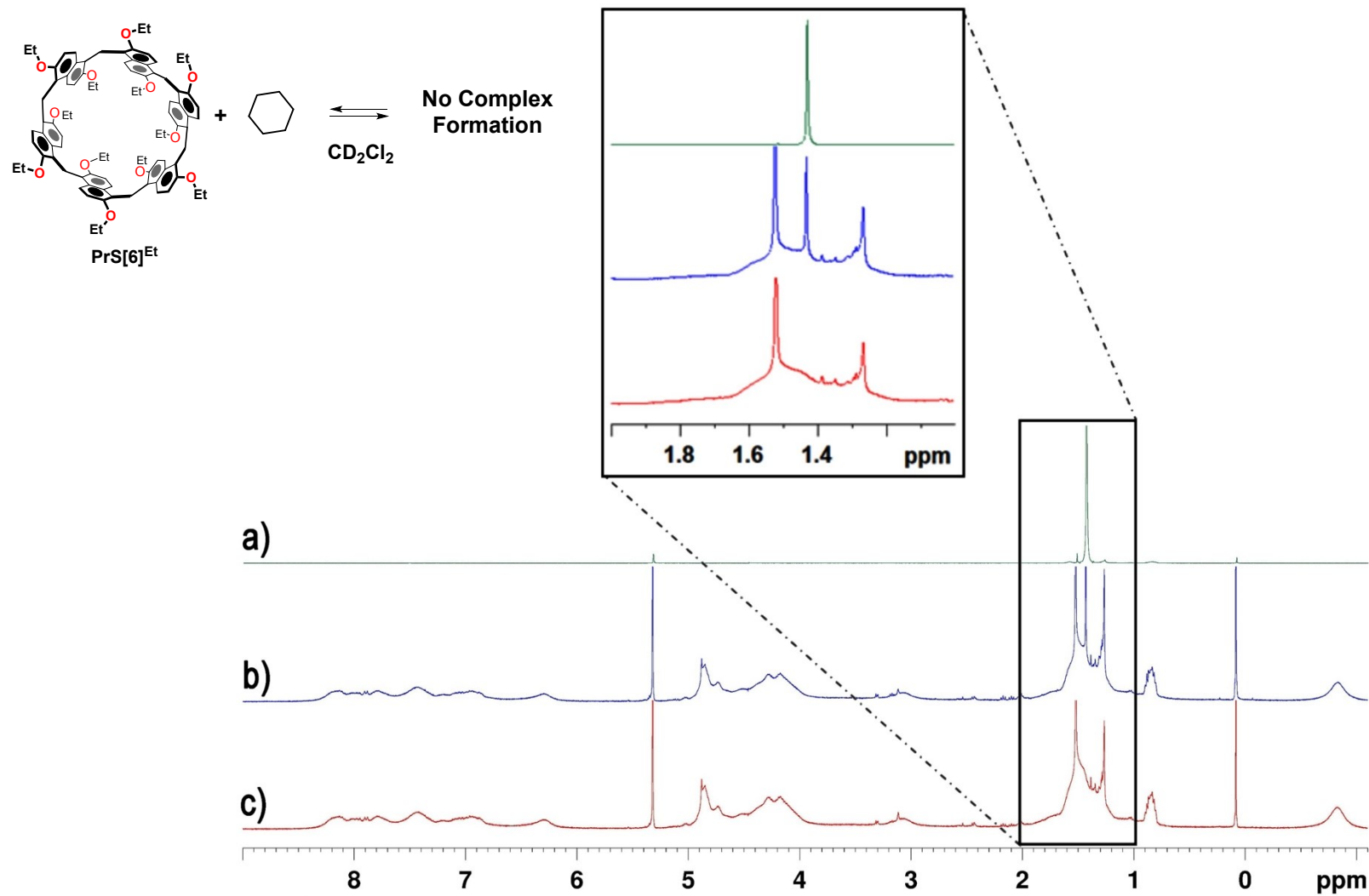


Figure S31: ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) cyclohexane, (b) an equimolar solution of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ and cyclohexane and (c) $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$.

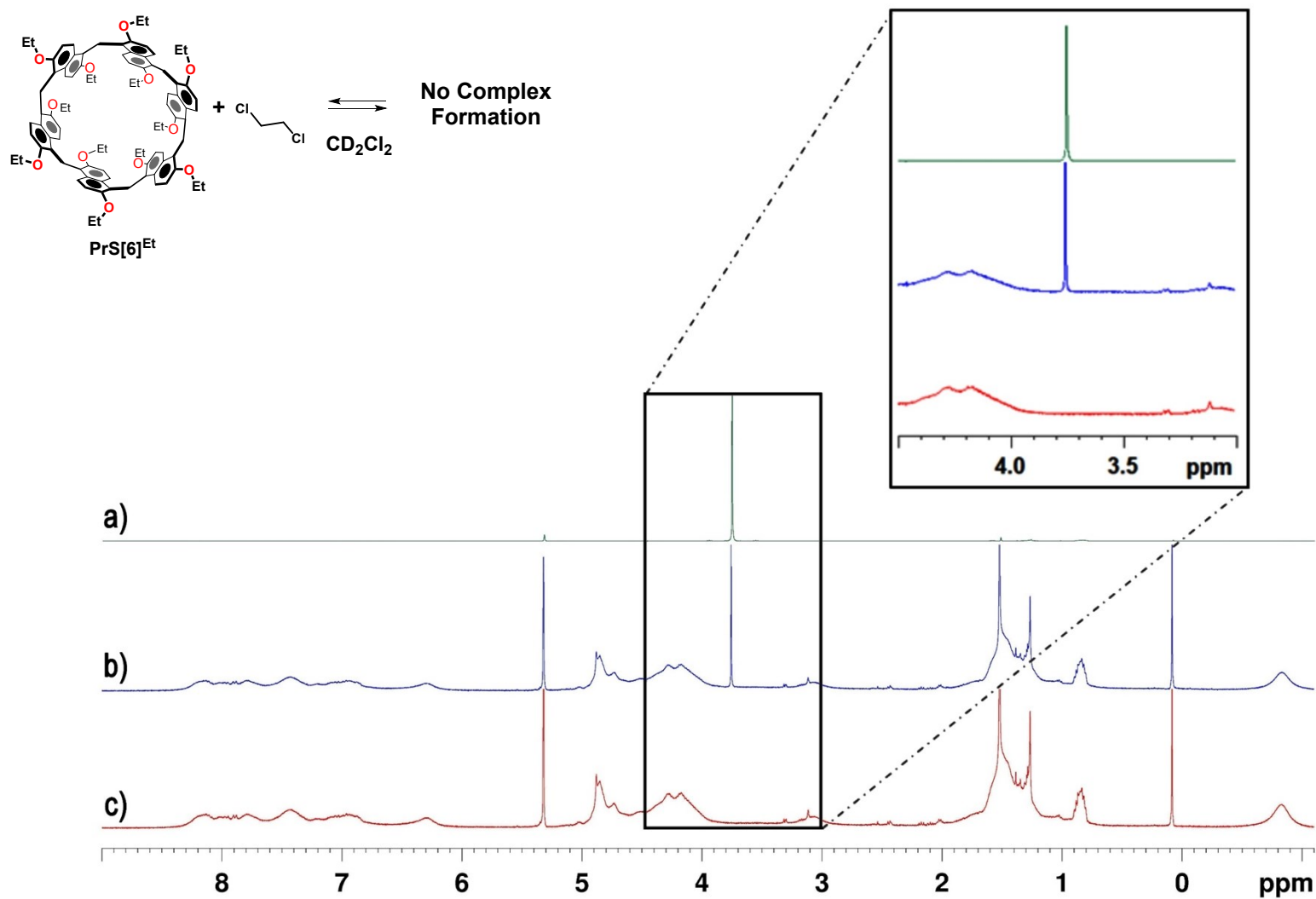


Figure S32: ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) 1,2-dichloroethane, (b) an equimolar solution of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ and 1,2-dichloroethane and (c) $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$.

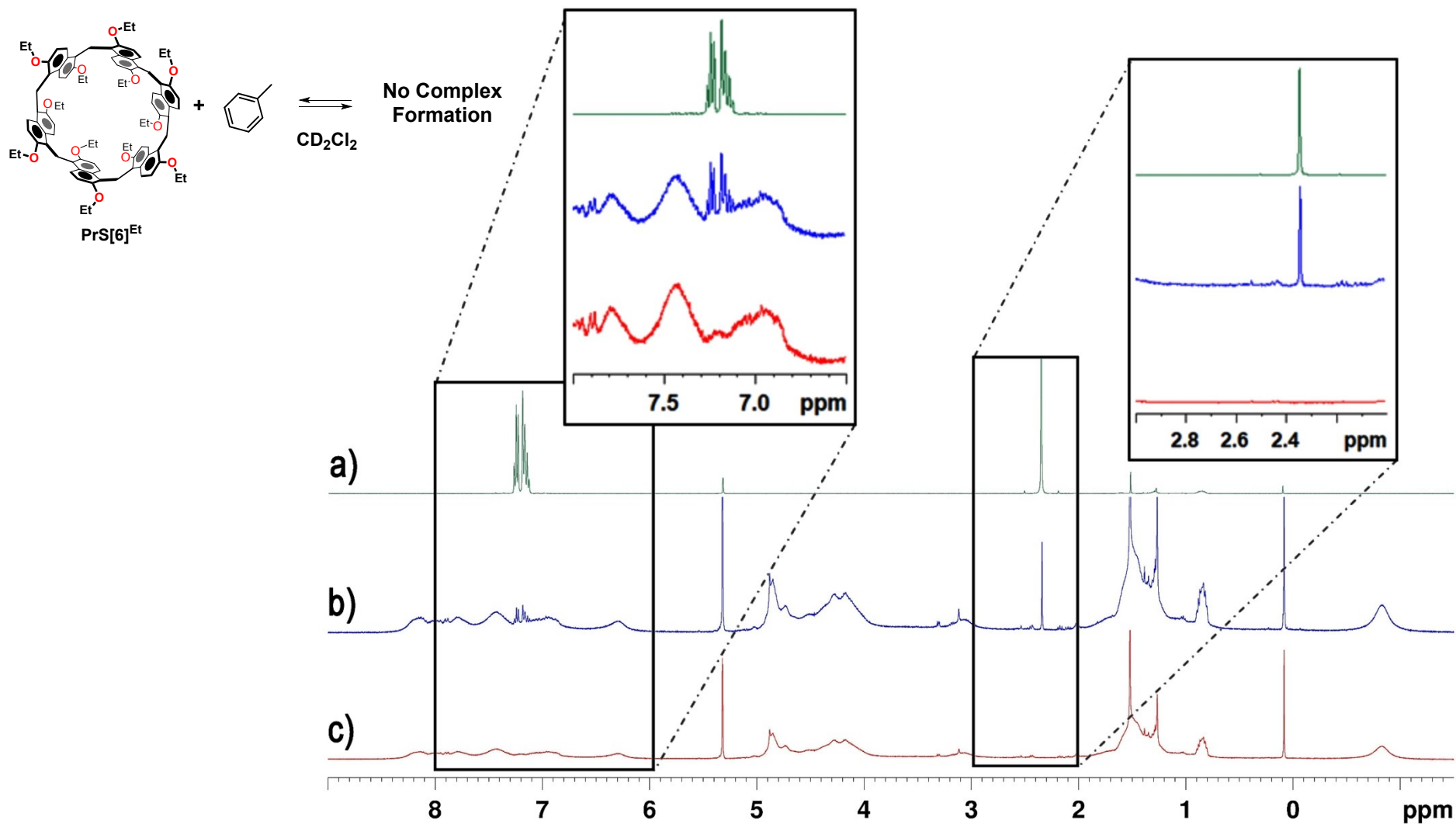


Figure S33: ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) toluene, (b) an equimolar solution of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ and Toluene and (c) $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$.

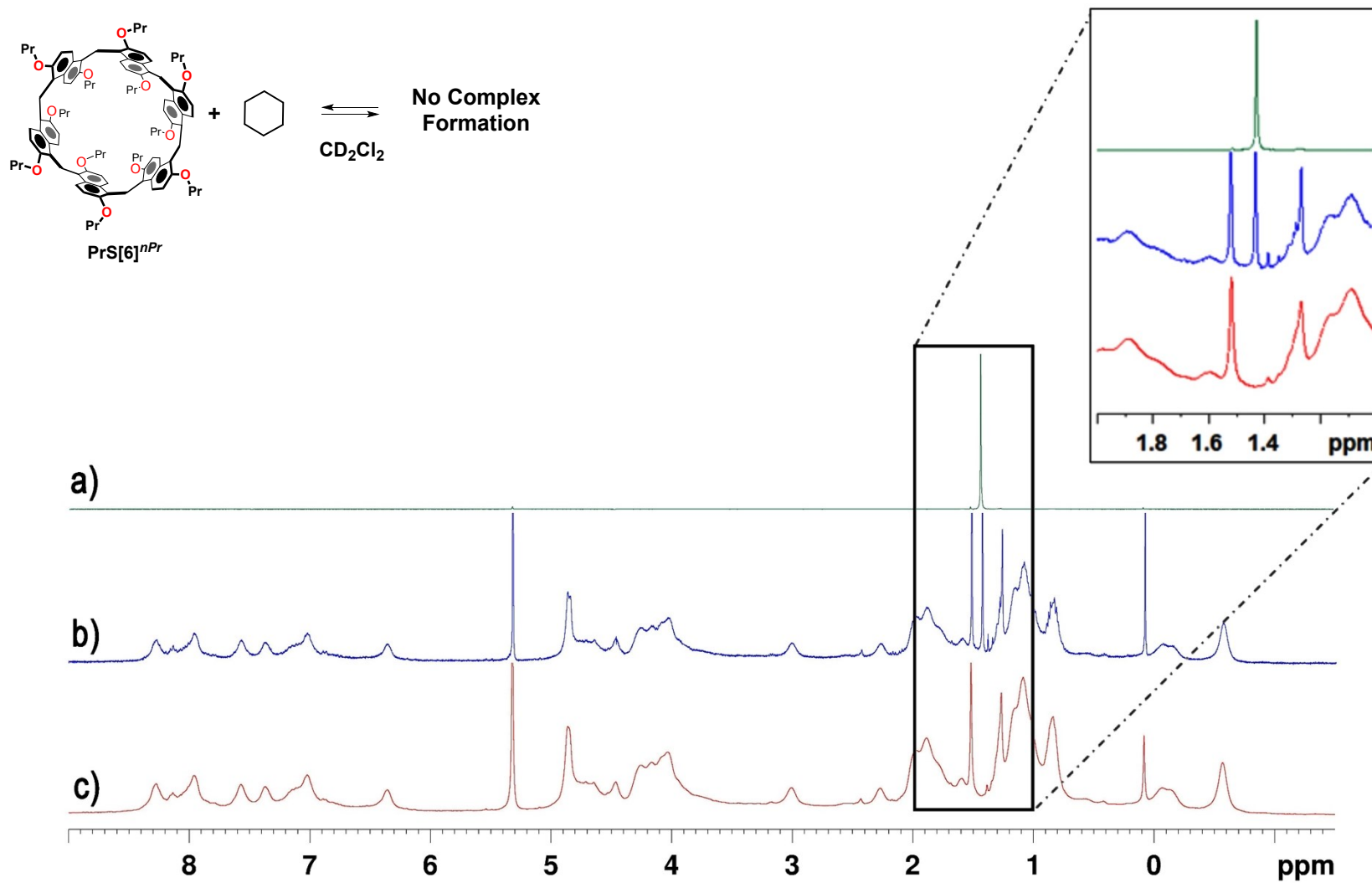


Figure S34: ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) cyclohexane, (b) an equimolar solution of PrS[6]^{nPr} and cyclohexane and (c) PrS[6]^{nPr} .

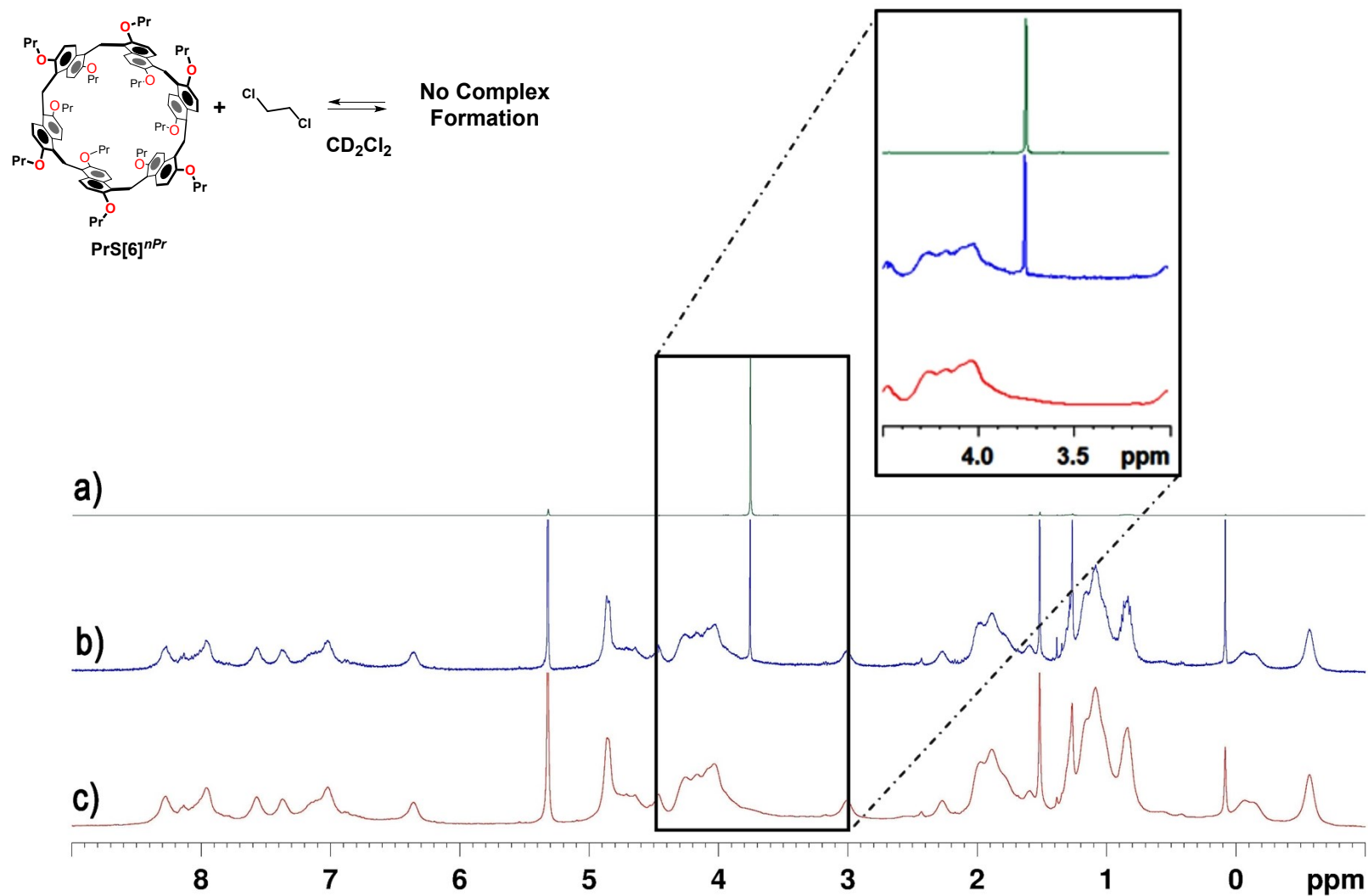


Figure S35: ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) 1,2-dichloroethane, (b) an equimolar solution of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ and 1,2-dichloroethane and (c) $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$.

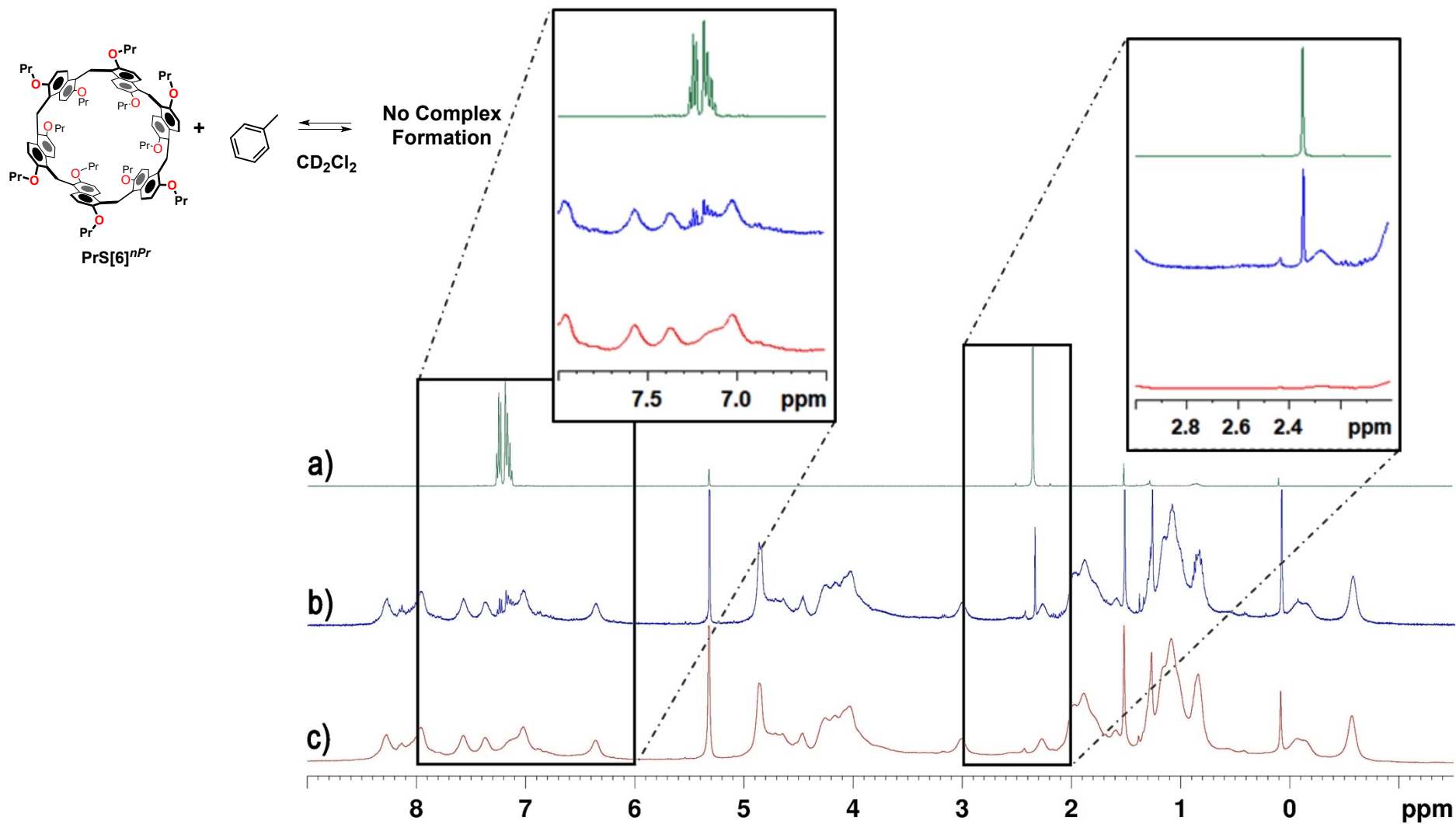


Figure S36: ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) toluene, (b) an equimolar solution of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ and Toluene and (c) $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$

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$5^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$

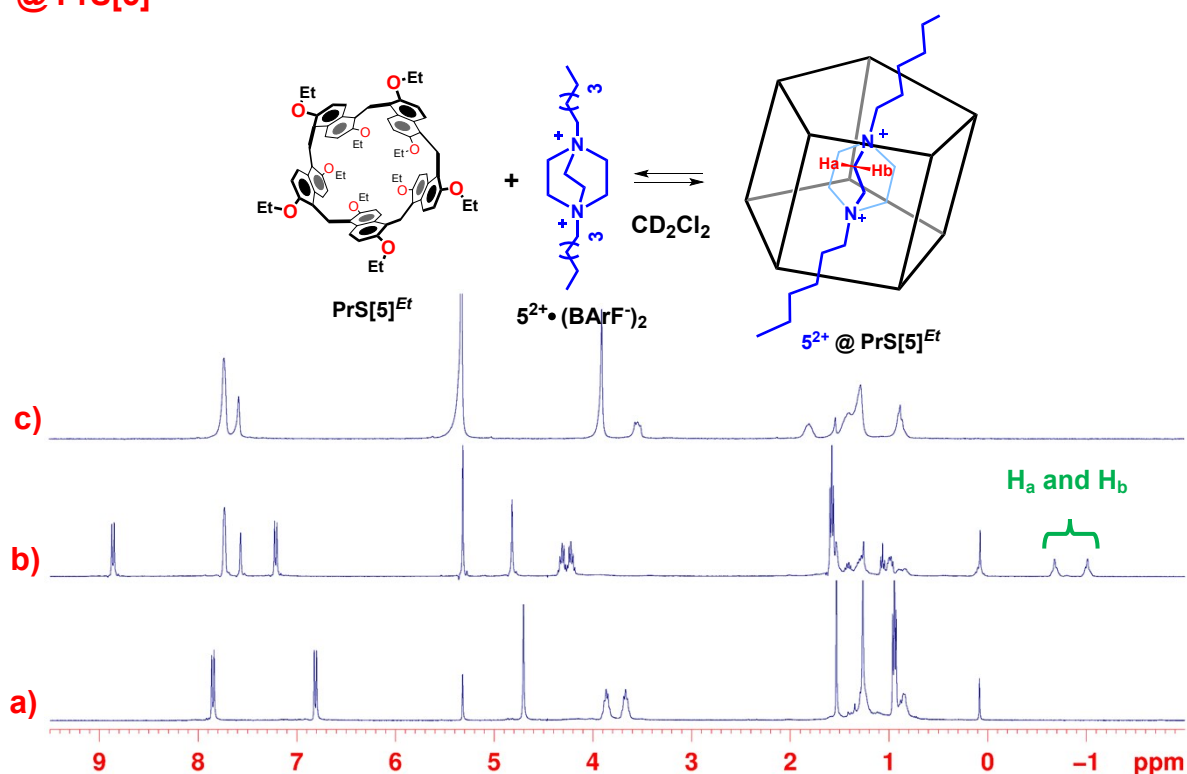


Figure S37: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$ and $5^{2+} \cdot (\text{BARF}^-)_2$ and (c) $5^{2+} \cdot (\text{BARF}^-)_2$.

$6^+ @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$

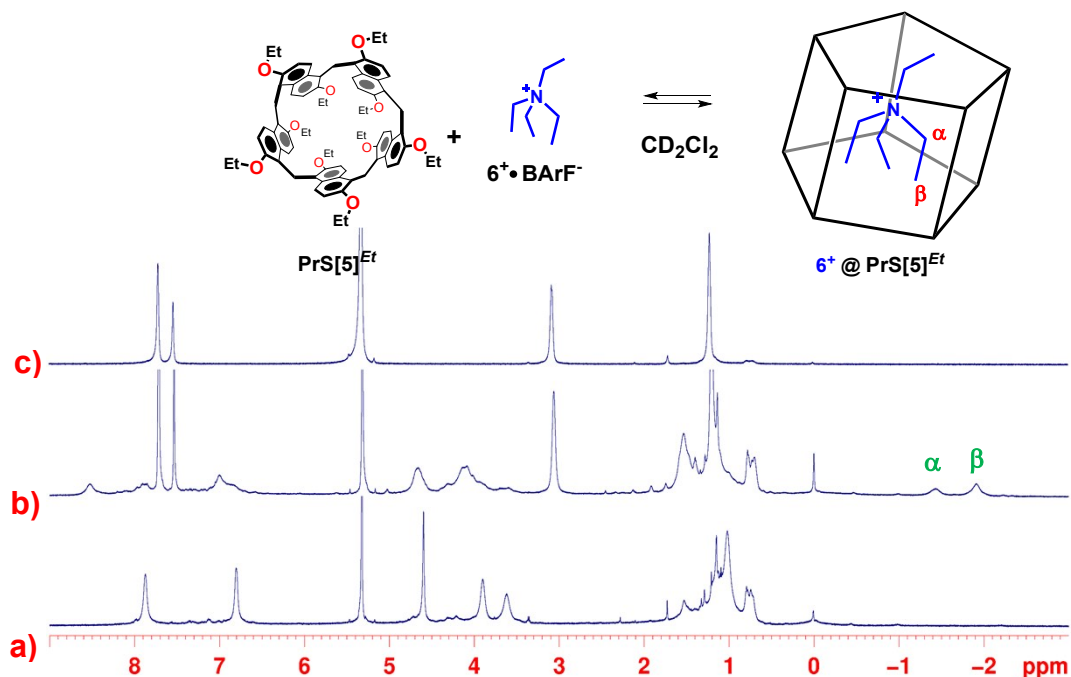


Figure S38: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 183 K) of: (a) $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$ and $6^+ \cdot (\text{BARF}^-)$ and (c) $6^+ \cdot (\text{BARF}^-)$.

$7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et}$

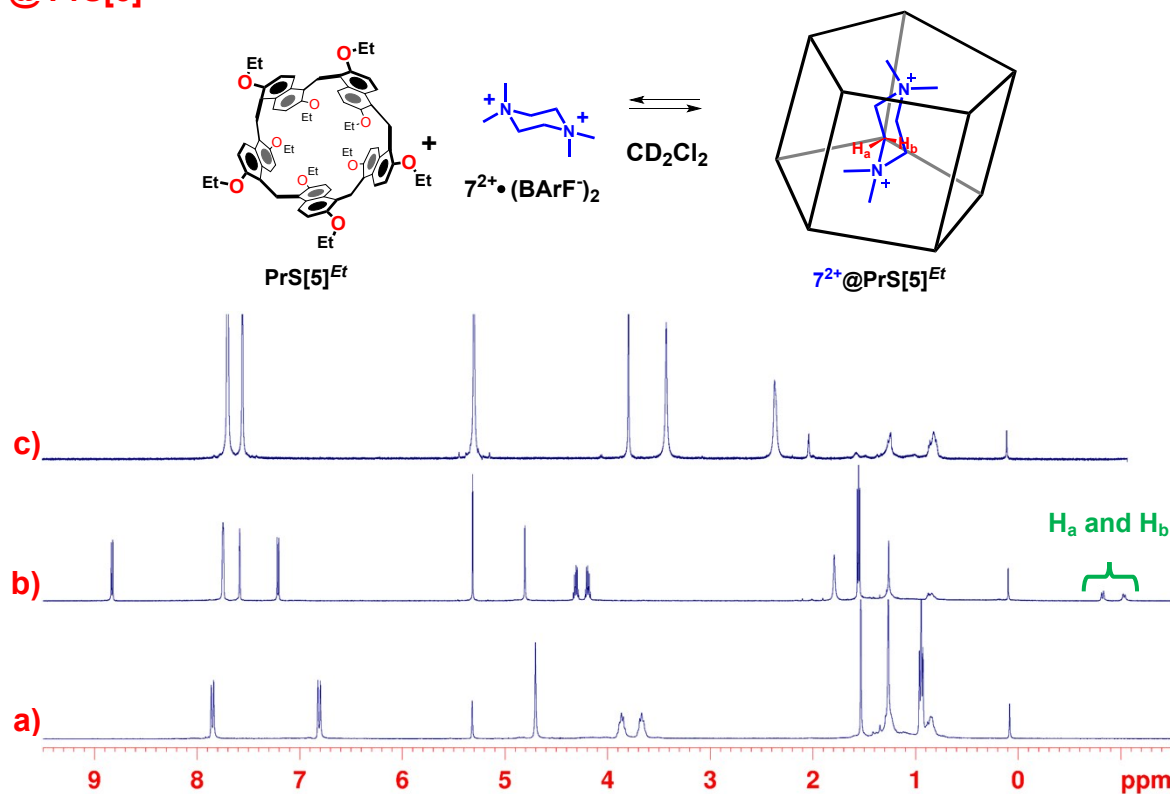


Figure S39: 1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) $PrS[5]^{Et}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $PrS[5]^{Et}$ and $7^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$ and (c) $7^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$.

$8^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et}$

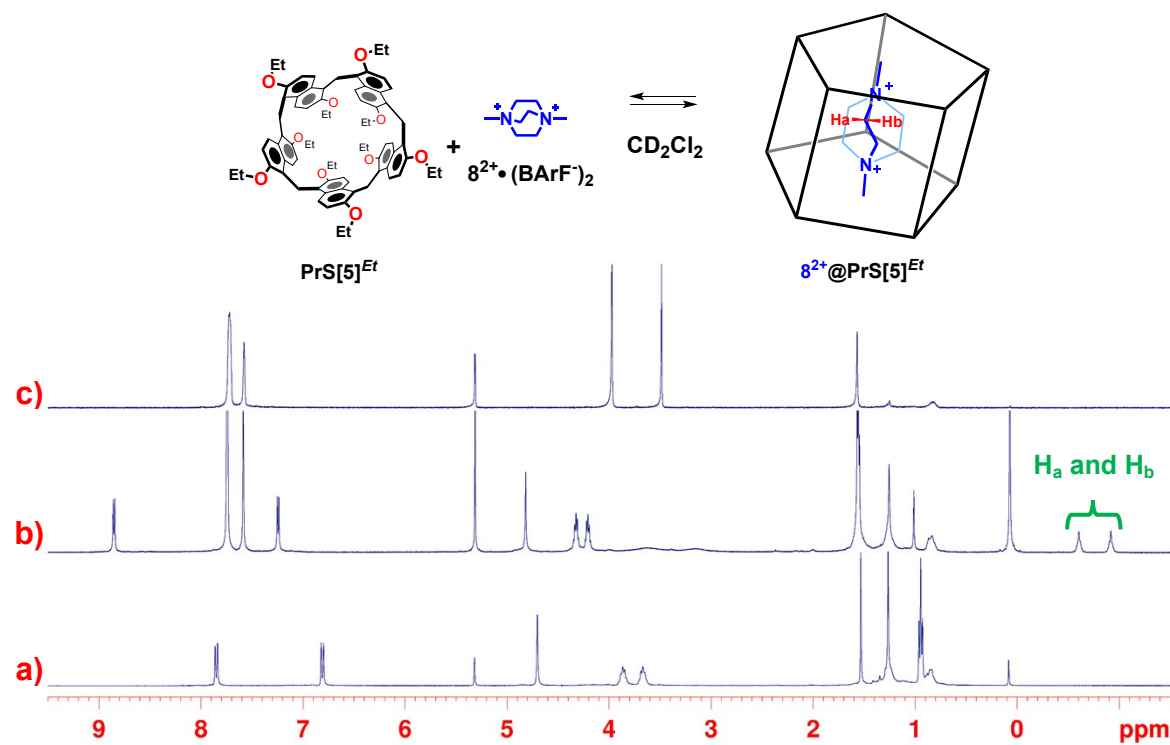


Figure S40: 1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) $PrS[5]^{Et}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $PrS[5]^{Et}$ and $8^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$ and (c) $8^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$.

$9^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et}$

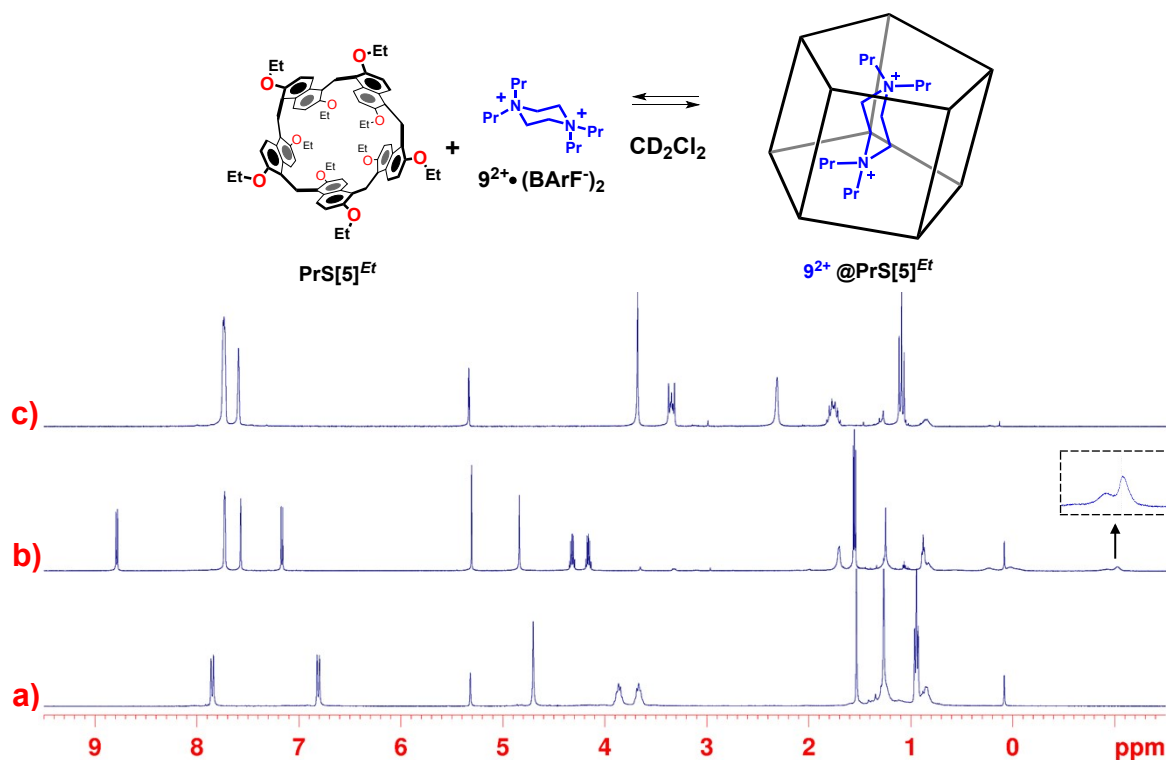


Figure S41: 1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) $PrS[5]^{Et}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $PrS[5]^{Et}$ and $9^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$ and (c) $9^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$.

$5^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Et}$

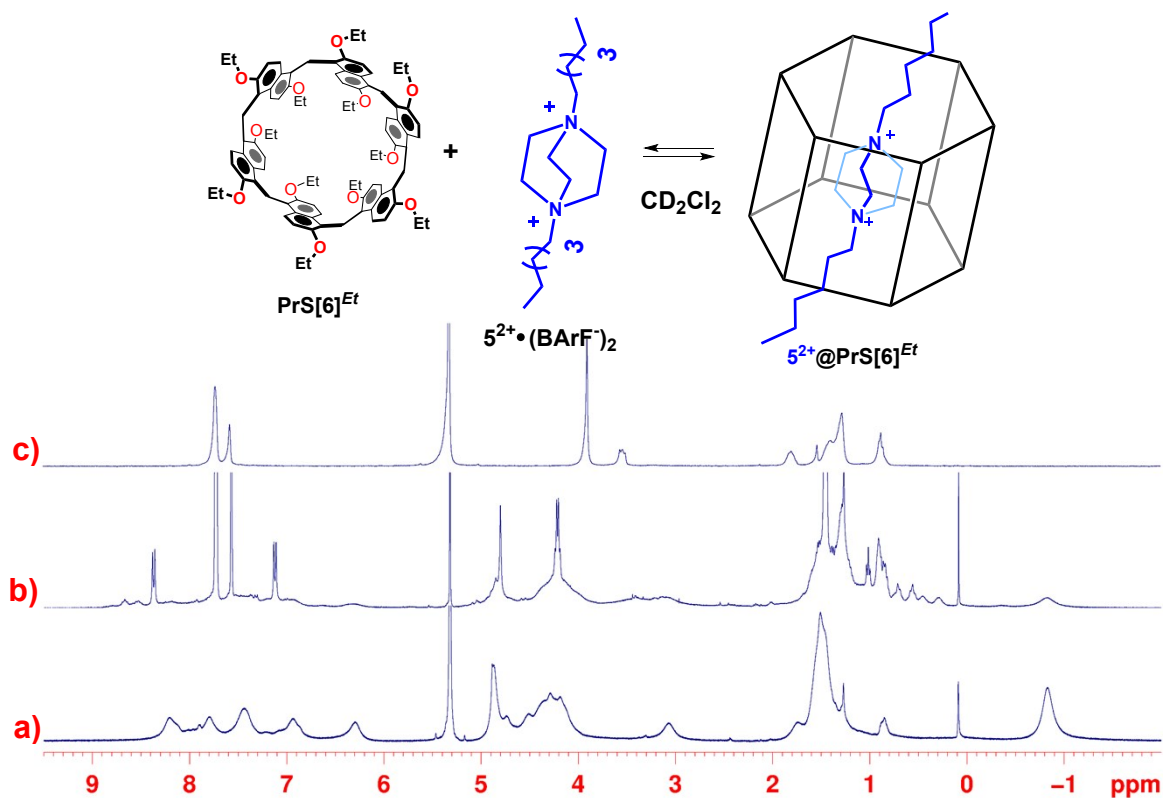


Figure S42: 1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) $PrS[6]^{Et}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $PrS[6]^{Et}$ and $5^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$ and (c) $5^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$.

6⁺@PrS[6]^{Et}

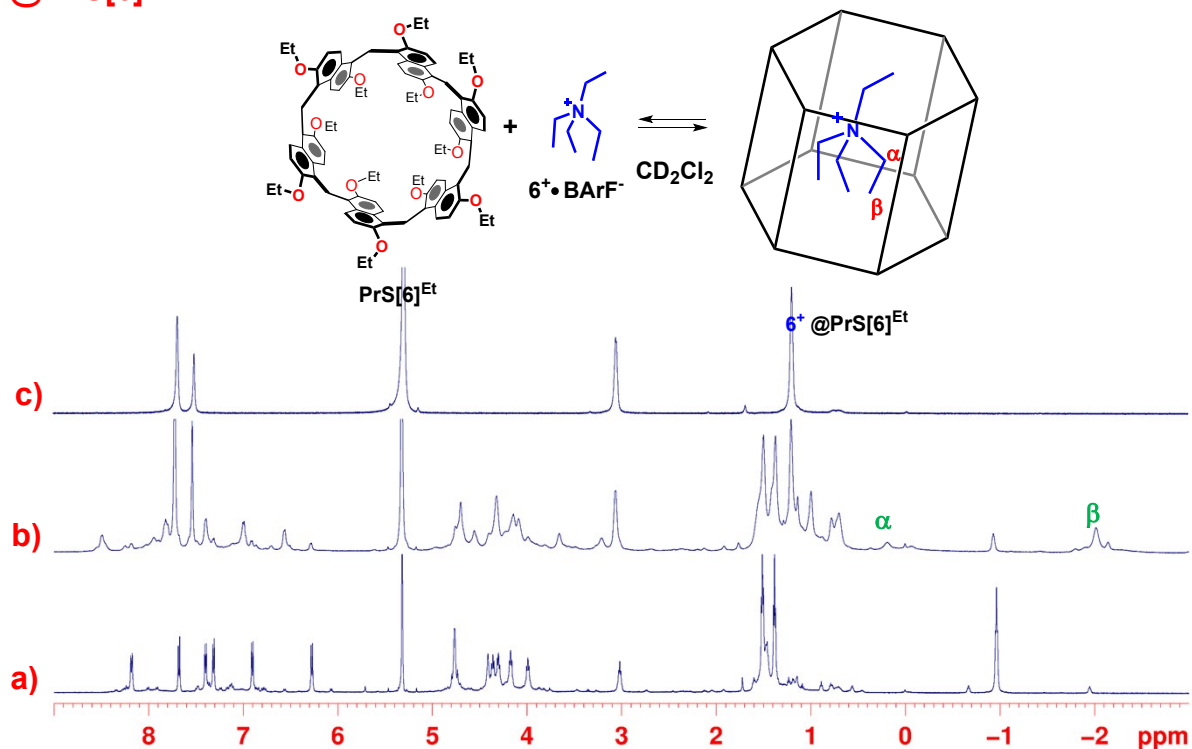


Figure S43: ¹H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 183 K) of: (a) PrS[6]^{Et}, (b) an equimolar solution of PrS[6]^{Et} and 6⁺·(BARF⁻) and (c) 6⁺·(BARF⁻).

7²⁺@PrS[6]^{Et}

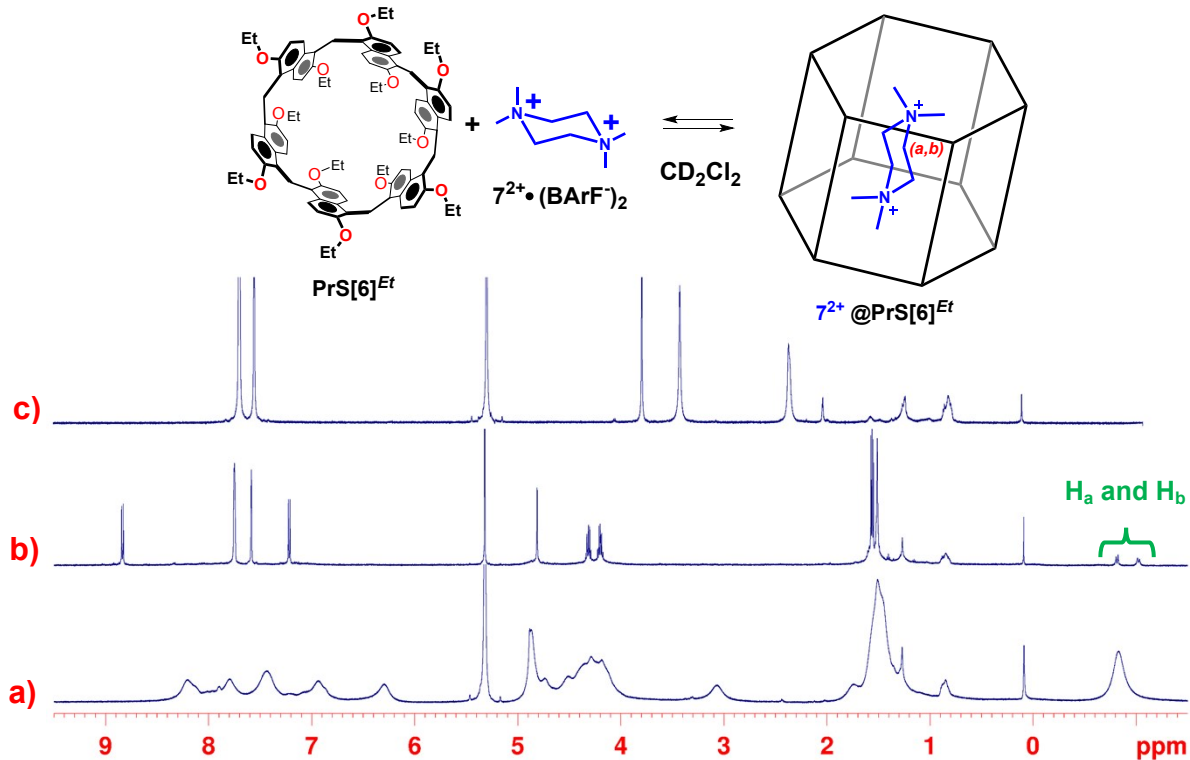


Figure S44: ¹H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K) of: (a) PrS[6]^{Et}, (b) an equimolar solution of PrS[6]^{Et} and 7²⁺·(BARF⁻)₂ and (c) 7²⁺·(BARF⁻)₂.

$5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}$

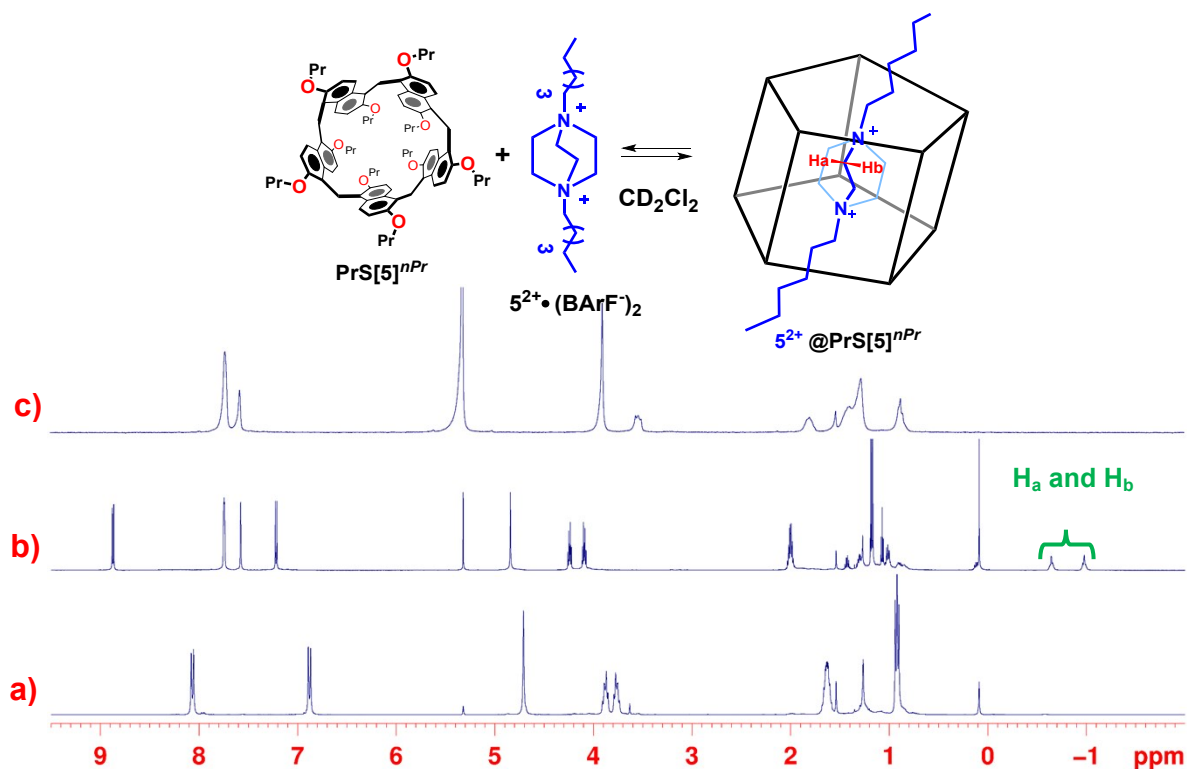


Figure S45: 1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) $PrS[5]^{nPr}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $PrS[5]^{nPr}$ and $5^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$ and (c) $5^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$.

$7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}$

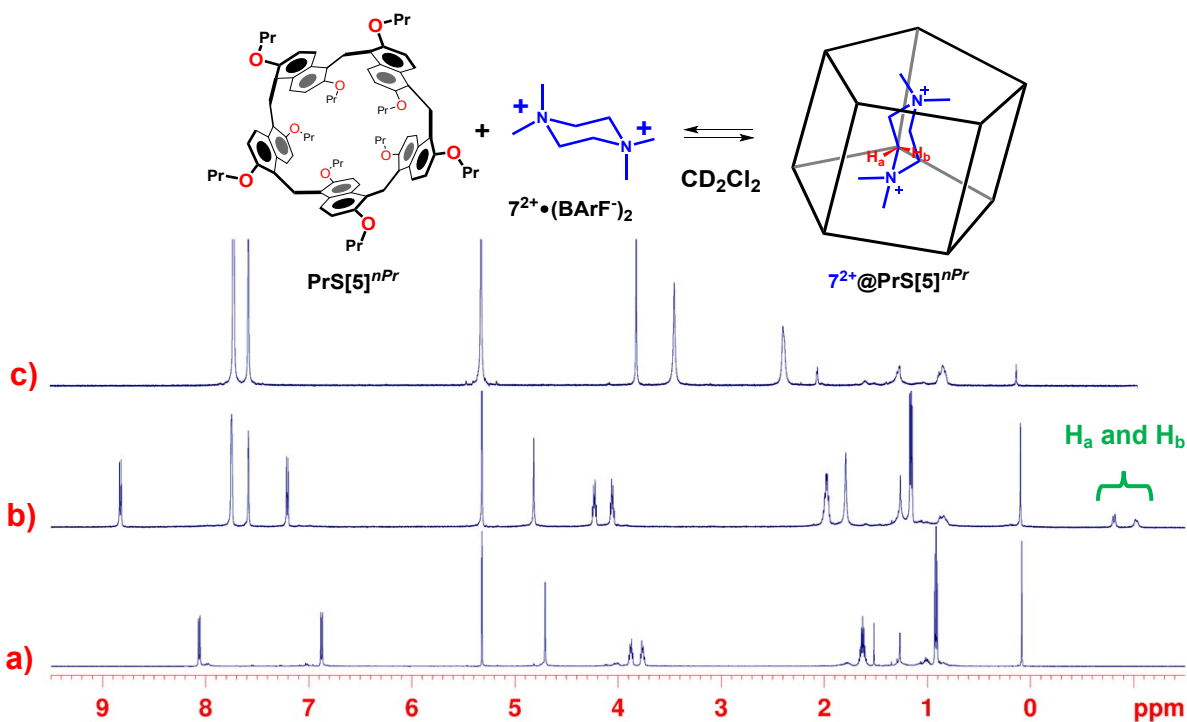


Figure S46: 1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) $PrS[5]^{nPr}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $PrS[5]^{nPr}$ and $7^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$ and (c) $7^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$.

$8^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$

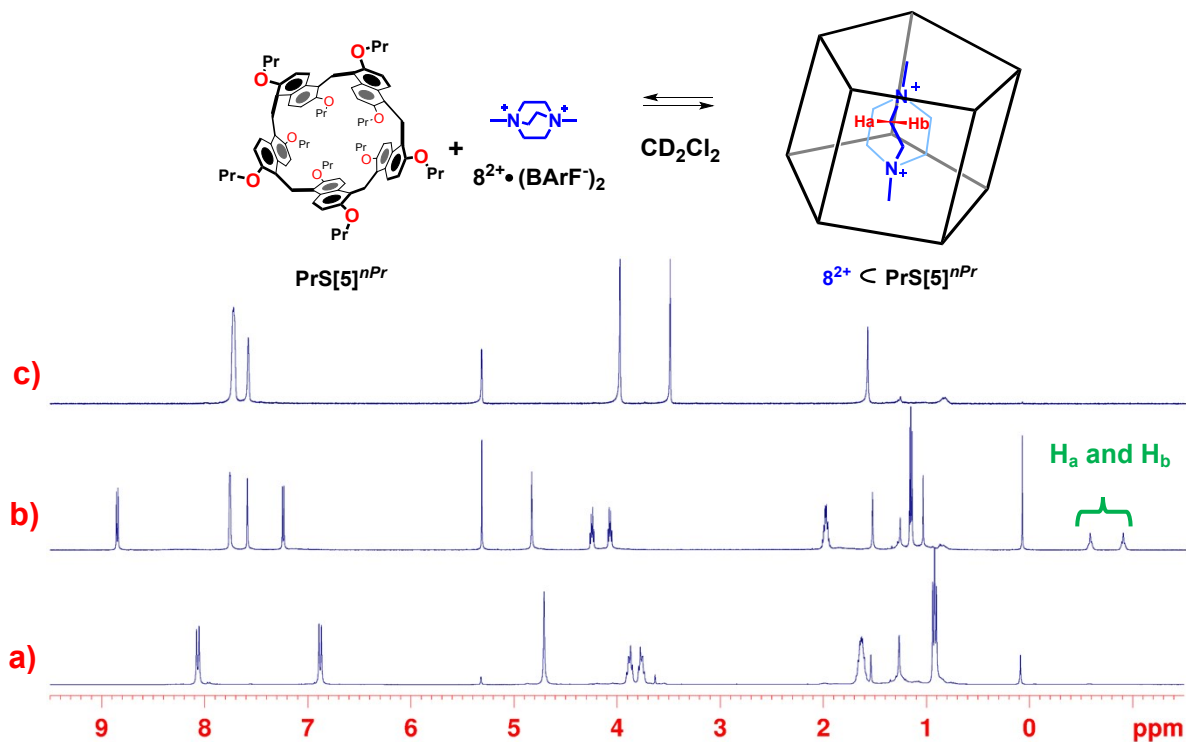


Figure S47: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$ and $8^{2+} \cdot (\text{BArF}^-)_2$ and (c) $8^{2+} \cdot (\text{BArF}^-)_2$.

$9^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$

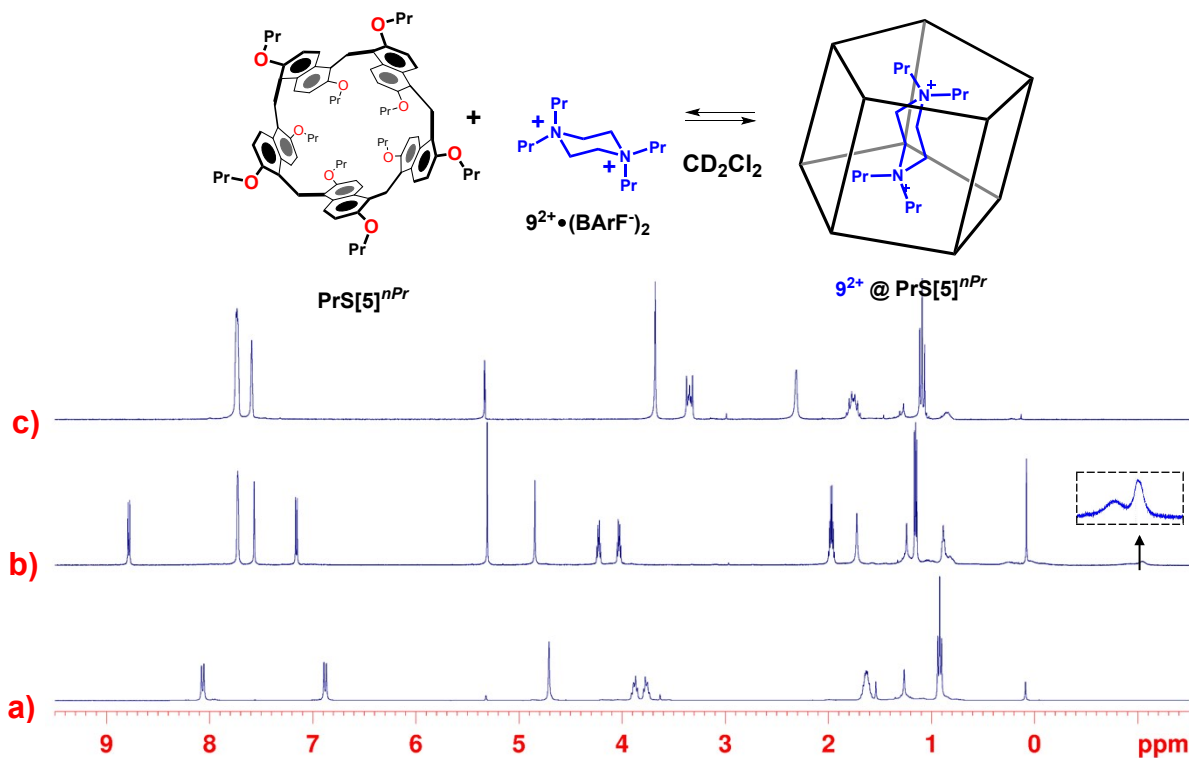


Figure 48. ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$ and $9^{2+} \cdot (\text{BArF}^-)_2$ and (c) $9^{2+} \cdot (\text{BArF}^-)_2$.

6⁺@PrS[6]^{nPr}

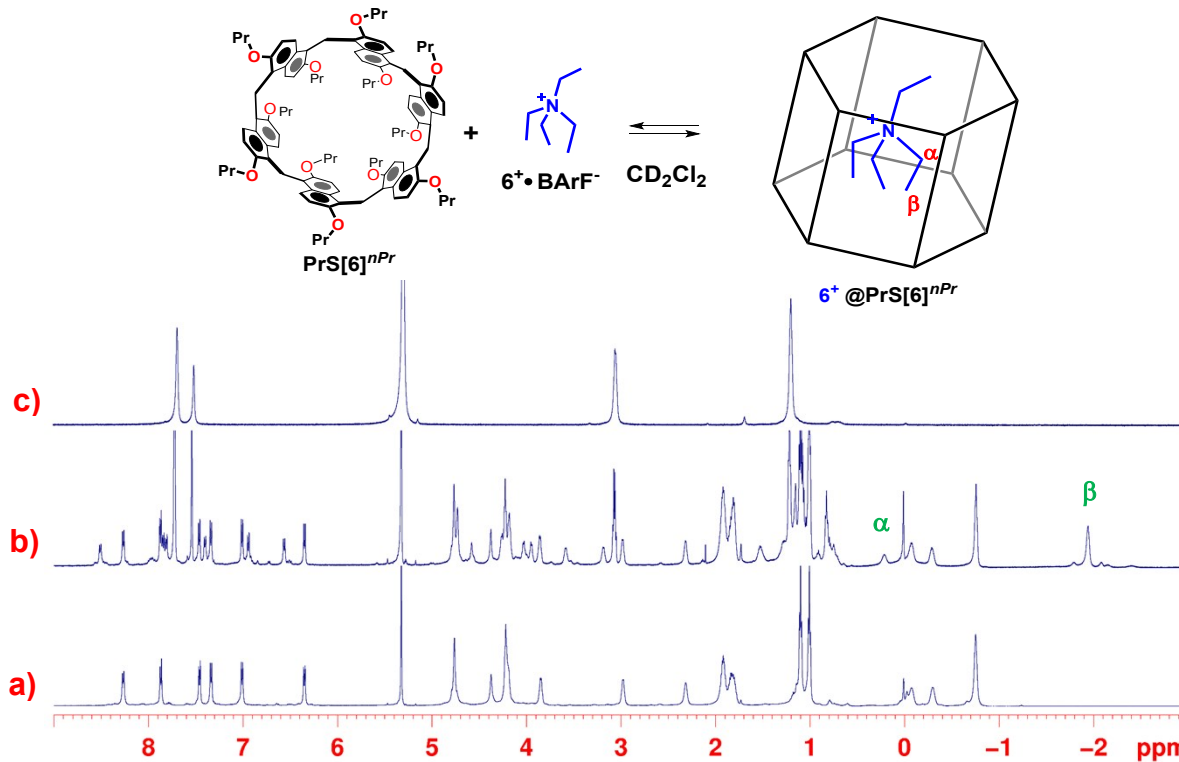


Figure S49: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 183 K) of: (a) $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ and $6^+ \cdot (\text{BARF}^-)$ and (c) $6^+ \cdot (\text{BARF}^-)$.

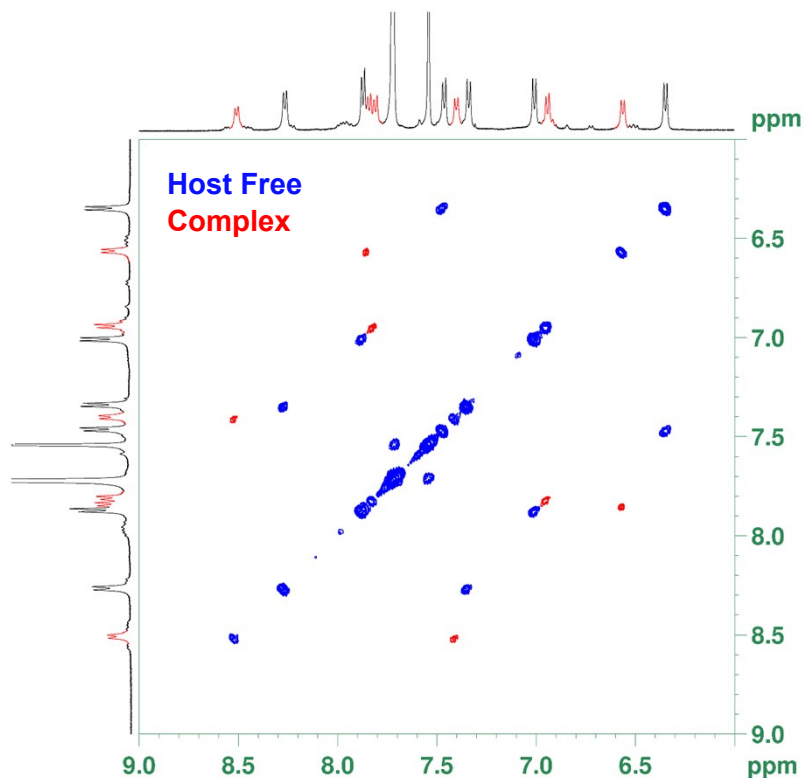


Figure S50: Significant portion of 2D-DQF COSY spectrum of $6^+ @ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 600 MHz, 183 K).

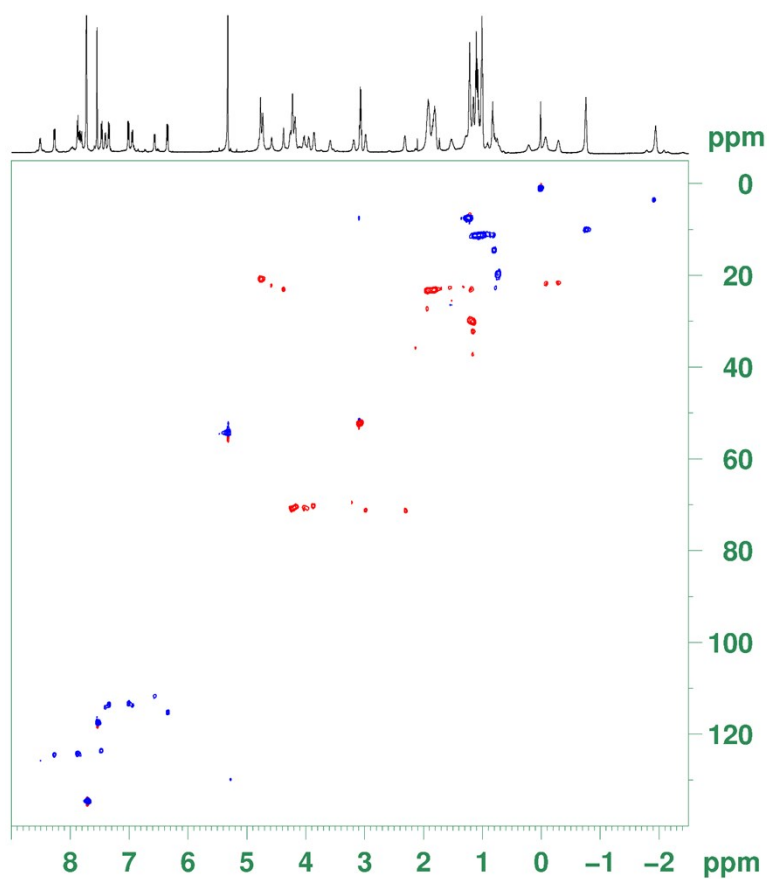


Figure S51: 2D-HSQC spectrum of $6^+@ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 600 MHz, 183 K).

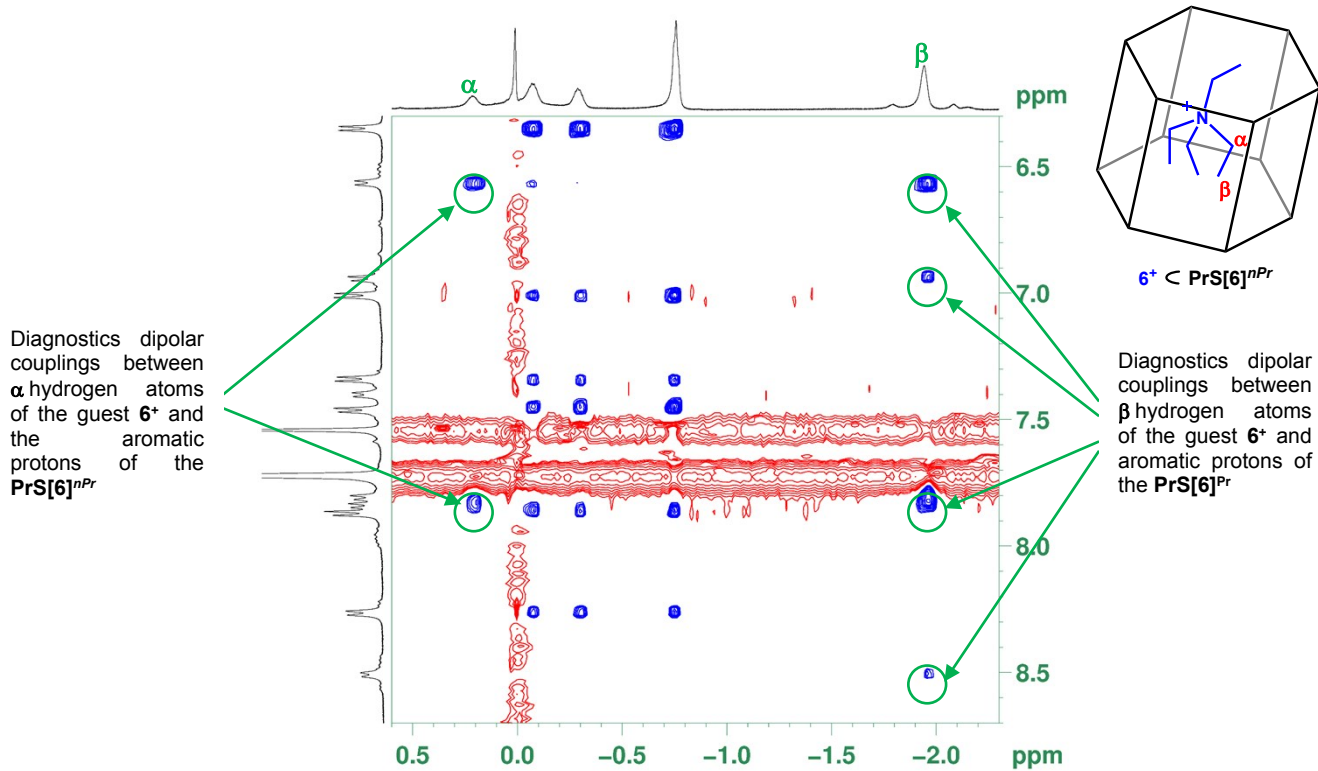


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$7^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr}$

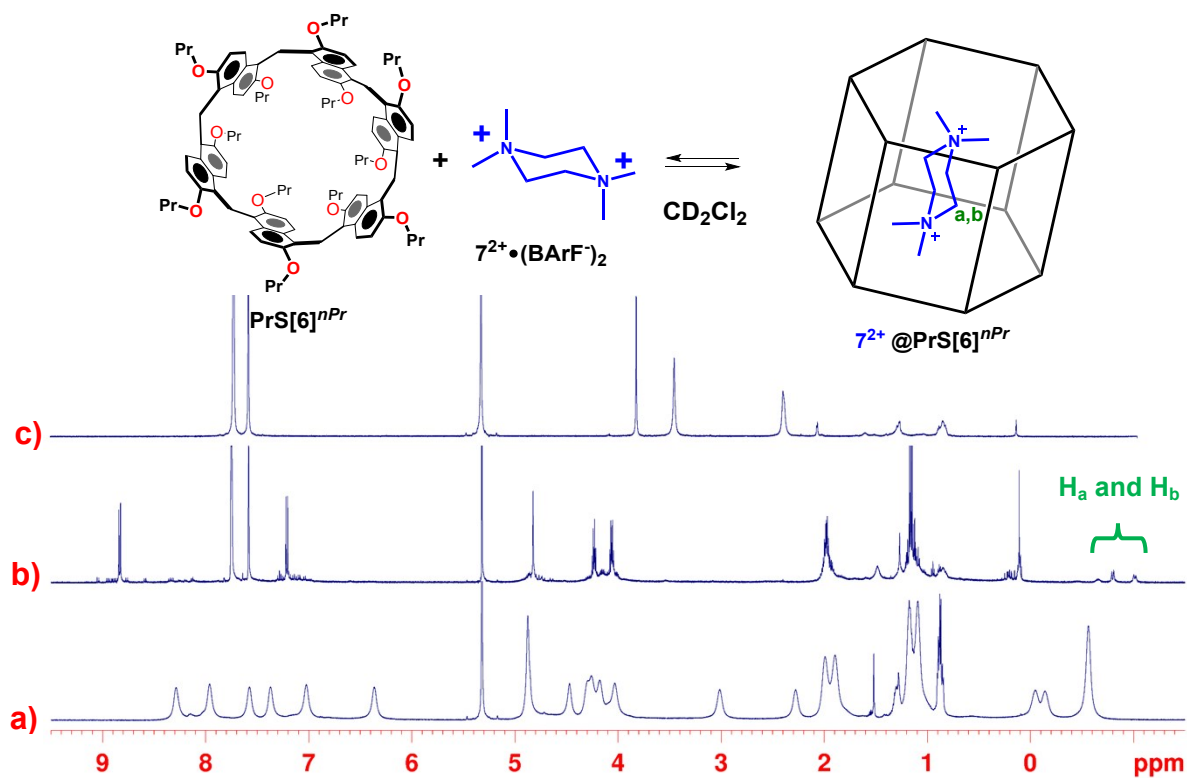


Figure S53: 1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) $PrS[6]^{nPr}$, (b) an equimolar solution of $PrS[6]^{nPr}$ and $7^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$ and (c) $7^{2+} \cdot (BARF^-)_2$.

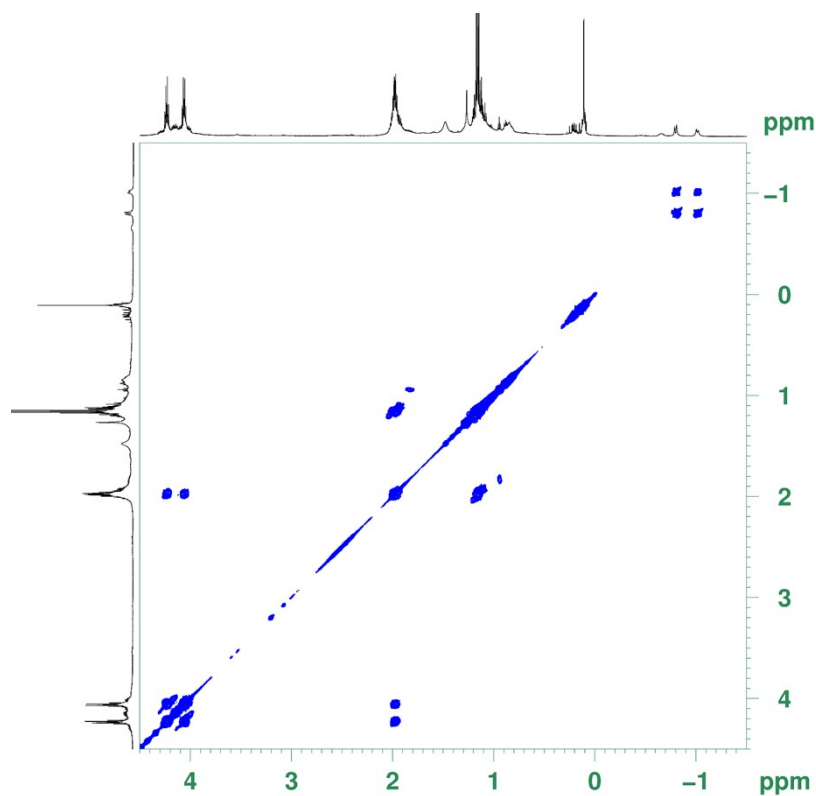


Figure S54: Significant portion of 2D-DQF COSY spectrum of $7^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 600 MHz, 298 K).

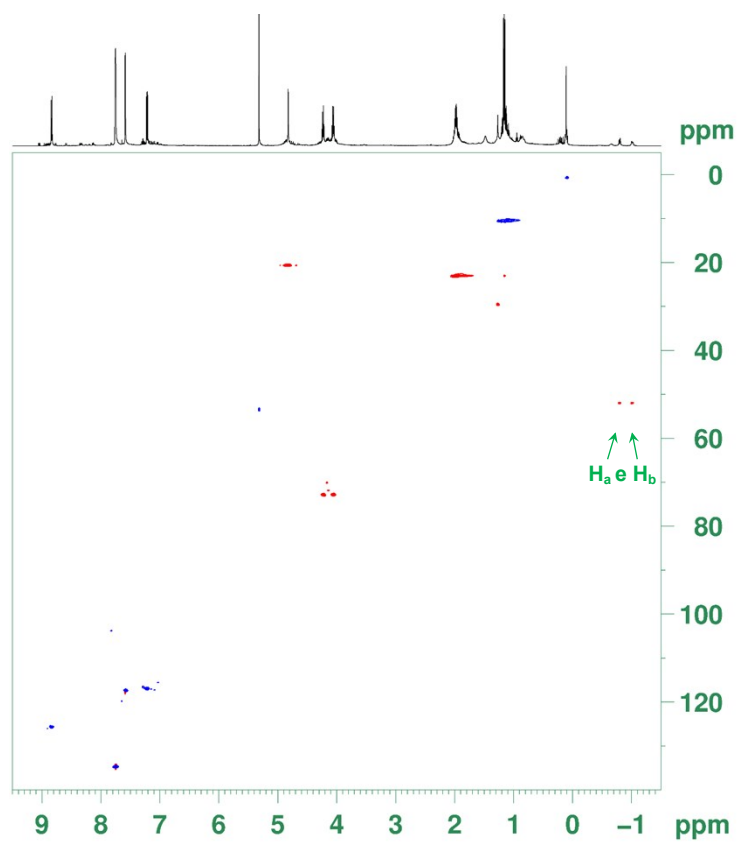


Figure S55: 2D-HSQC spectrum of $7^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr}$ (CD_2Cl_2 , 600 MHz, 298 K).

¹H NMR determination of K_{ass} values.

The association constant values for the formation of the complexes were calculated by means of three methods²:

- Integration of free and complexed ¹H NMR signals of host or guest. In this case, an equimolar solution of hosts and guests was solubilized in CD₂Cl₂ and equilibrated in NMR tube after mixing for 24-90 h at 40 °C.
- ¹H NMR competition experiments. In this case, was performed an analysis of a 1:1:1 mixture of host, and two guests in an NMR tube and CD₂Cl₂ as solvent.
- Quantitative ¹H NMR experiments using TCE as the internal standard⁴. In this case, ¹H NMR experiments were carried out on a 1:1 mixture of host and guest in CD₂Cl₂ containing 0.5 μL of 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane (d = 1.59 g/mL) as internal standard.
Further details are reported in the figure's captions

Table S2. Association constant (K_{ass} , M⁻¹) values for the formation of the complexes between the ammonium **5**²⁺ - **9**²⁺ cations as BARF⁻ salts and the prism[n]arenes. Determined by ¹H NMR experiments in CD₂Cl₂. Errors < 15% calculated as mean values of three measures.

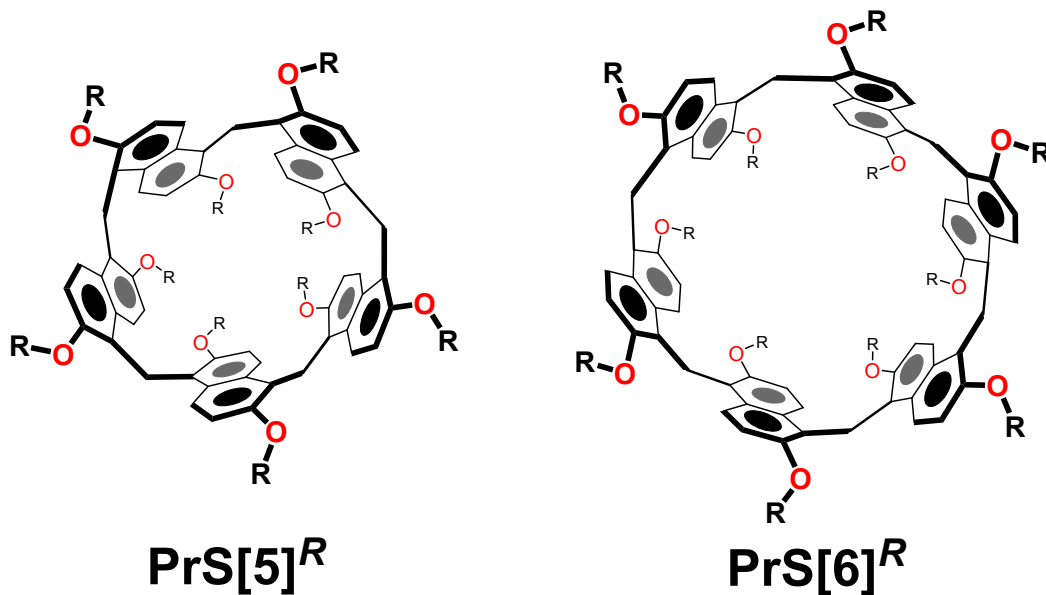
	PrS[5] ^{Me}	PrS[6] ^{Me}	PrS[5] ^{Et}	PrS[6] ^{Et}	PrS[5] ^{nPr}	PrS[6] ^{nPr}
5 ²⁺	3.9·10⁷ M⁻¹ [1]	50 M ⁻¹ [1]	1.4·10⁸ M⁻¹ [2]	790 M ⁻¹ [5]	1.7·10⁸ M⁻¹ [3]	400 M ⁻¹ [4]
6 ⁺	90 M ⁻¹ [1]	2.7·10 ³ M ⁻¹ [1]	50 M ⁻¹ [6]	2745 M ⁻¹ [7]	100 M ⁻¹ [8]	340 M ⁻¹ [9]
7 ²⁺	1.8·10⁷ M⁻¹ [1]	----	2.8·10⁸ M⁻¹ [10]	1.0·10⁸ M⁻¹ [11]	1.4·10⁹ M⁻¹ [12]	1.2·10⁸ M⁻¹ [13]
8 ²⁺	6.6·10⁶ M⁻¹ [14]	4.2·10³ M⁻¹ [19]	2.9·10⁶ M⁻¹ [15]	420 M⁻¹ [21]	6.3·10⁷ M⁻¹ [23]	370 M⁻¹ [22]
9 ²⁺	5780 M⁻¹ [16]	3.7·10³ M⁻¹ [18]	1.0·10⁵ M⁻¹ [17]	----	4.8·10⁵ M⁻¹ [20]	----

[1] Reported in reference 2. [2] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[5]^{Me}** (see Figure S56 and its caption). [3] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[5]^{Me}** (see Figure S57 and its caption). [4] Calculated by integration at 298 K of ¹H NMR signals of free and complexed species (see Figure S58 and its caption). [5] Calculated by integration at 298 K of ¹H NMR signals of free and complexed species (see Figure S59 and its caption). [6] Calculated by quantitative ¹H NMR spectroscopy using TCE as internal standard. [7] Calculated by integration at 183 K of ¹H NMR signals of free and complexed species (see Figure S60 and its caption). [8] Calculated by quantitative ¹H NMR spectroscopy at 183 K. [9] Calculated by integration at 183 K of ¹H NMR signals of free and complexed species (see Figure S61 and its caption). [10] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[5]^{Me}** (see Figure S62 and its caption). [11] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[5]^{Me}** (see Figure S63 and its caption). [12] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[5]^{Me}** (see Figure S64 and its caption). [13] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[6]^{Et}** (see Figure S65 and its caption). [14] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **5**²⁺ (see Figure S66 and its caption). [15] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[5]^{Me}** (see Figure S67 and its caption). [16] Calculated by integration at 298 K of ¹H NMR signals of free and complexed species (see Figure S68 and its caption). [17] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[5]^{Me}** (see Figure S69 and its caption). [18] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[5]^{Et}** (see Figure S70 and its caption). [19] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **9**²⁺ (see Figure S71 and its caption). [20] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[5]^{Me}** (see Figure S72 and its caption). [21] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[6]^{Me}** (see Figure S74 and its caption). [22] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[6]^{Me}** (see Figure S75 and its caption). [23] Calculated by competition experiment at 298 K with **PrS[5]^{Me}** (see Figure S73 and its caption).

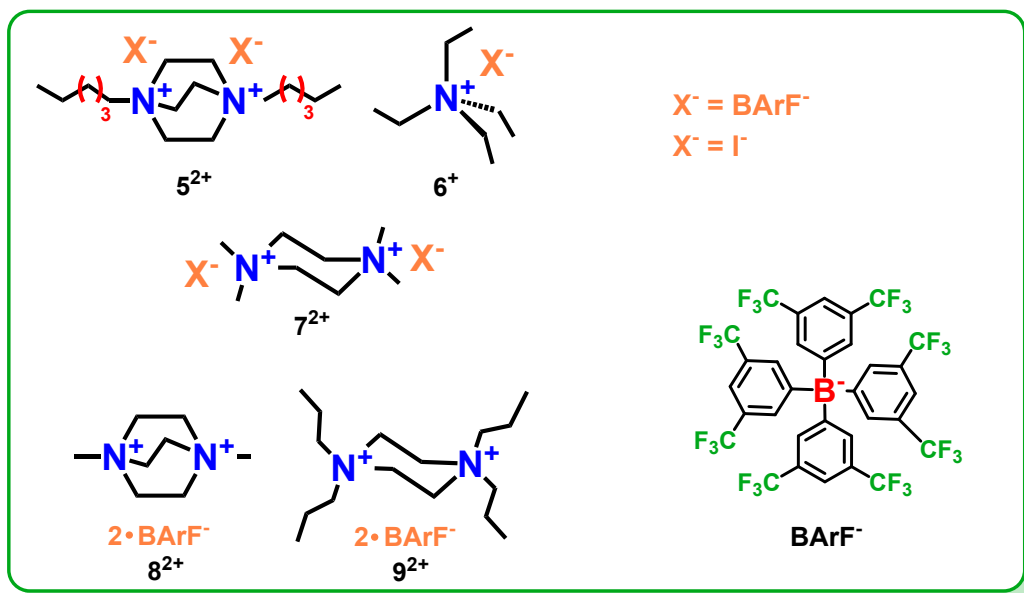
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The competition experiments in red and orange are described at pag S54

The competition experiments in purple are described at pag S67



R = Me R= Et R= nPr



$K(5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me}) = 3.9 \cdot 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (by reference [2])

Competition experiment: $5^{2+} + PrS[5]^{Me} + PrS[5]^{Et} = 5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me} + 5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et} \rightarrow K(5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et}) = 1.4 \cdot 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S56)

Competition experiment: $5^{2+} + PrS[5]^{Me} + PrS[5]^{nPr} = 5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me} + 5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr} \rightarrow K(5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}) = 1.7 \cdot 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S57)

Competition experiment: $5^{2+} + PrS[5]^{Me} + 8^{2+} = 5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me} + 8^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me} \rightarrow K(8^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me}) = 6.6 \cdot 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S66)

Competition experiment: $8^{2+} + PrS[5]^{Me} + PrS[5]^{Et} = 8^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me} + 8^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et} \rightarrow K(8^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et}) = 2.9 \cdot 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S67)

$K(7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me}) = 1.8 \cdot 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (by reference [2])

Competition experiment: $7^{2+} + PrS[5]^{Me} + PrS[5]^{Et} = 7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me} + 7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et} \rightarrow K(7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et}) = 2.8 \cdot 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S62)

Competition experiment: $7^{2+} + PrS[5]^{Me} + PrS[6]^{Et} = 7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me} + 7^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Et} \rightarrow K(7^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Et}) = 1.0 \cdot 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S63)

Competition experiment: $7^{2+} + PrS[5]^{Me} + PrS[5]^{nPr} = 7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me} + 7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr} \rightarrow K(7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}) = 1.4 \cdot 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S64)

Competition experiment: $7^{2+} + PrS[6]^{nPr} + PrS[6]^{Et} = 7^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Et} + 7^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr} \rightarrow K(7^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr}) = 1.2 \cdot 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S65)

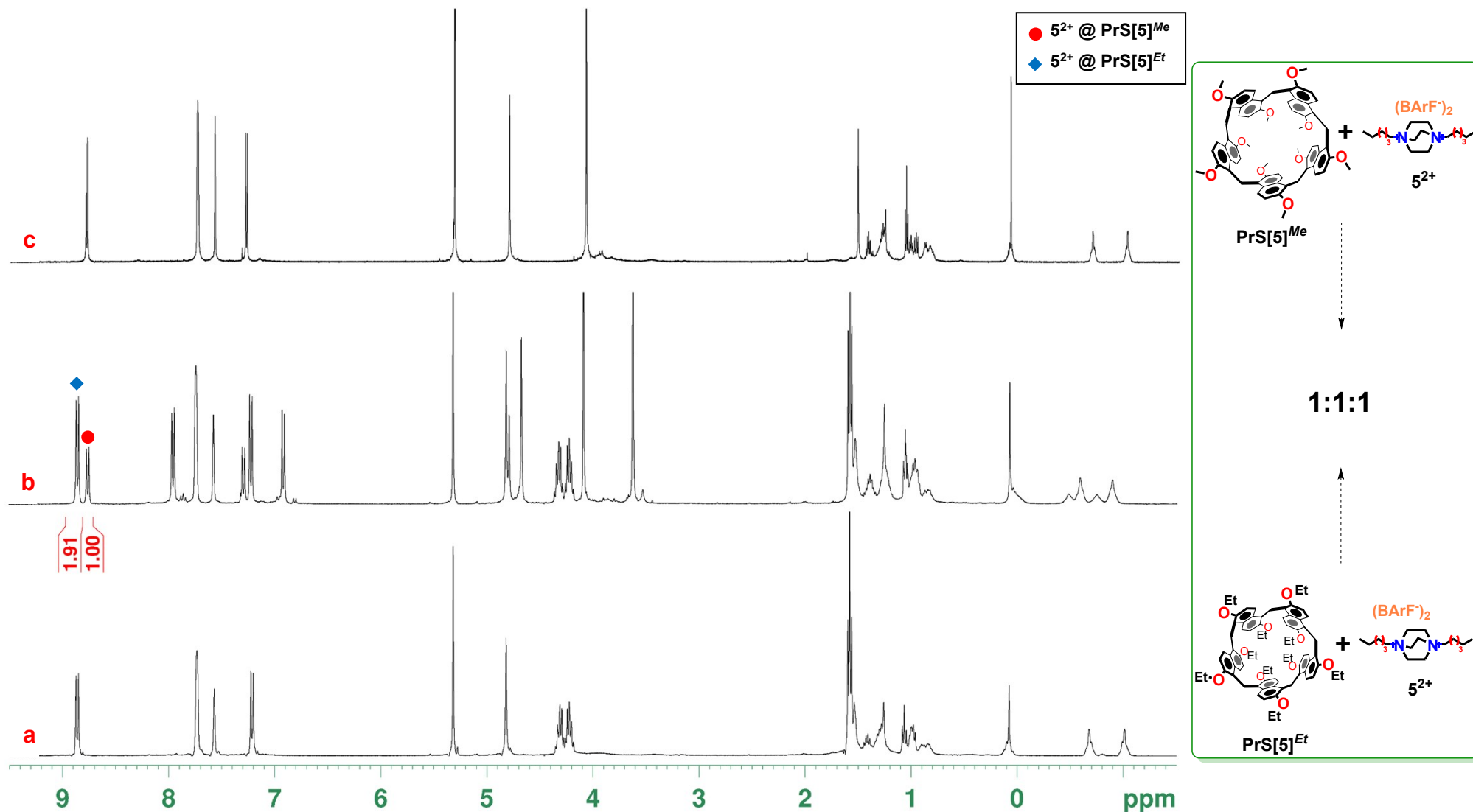


Figure S56: ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.50 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$ and $5(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Me}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$ and 1 equivalent of $5(\text{BArF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.50 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Me}$ and $5(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(5^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Et}) / K(5^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Me}) = K(5^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Et}) / 3.9 \times 10^7 = [(1.91/2.91) \times 0.0025]^2 / [(1.00/2.91) \times 0.0025]^2$$

$$K(5^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Et}) = 3.65 \times 3.9 \cdot 10^7 = 1.4 \cdot 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

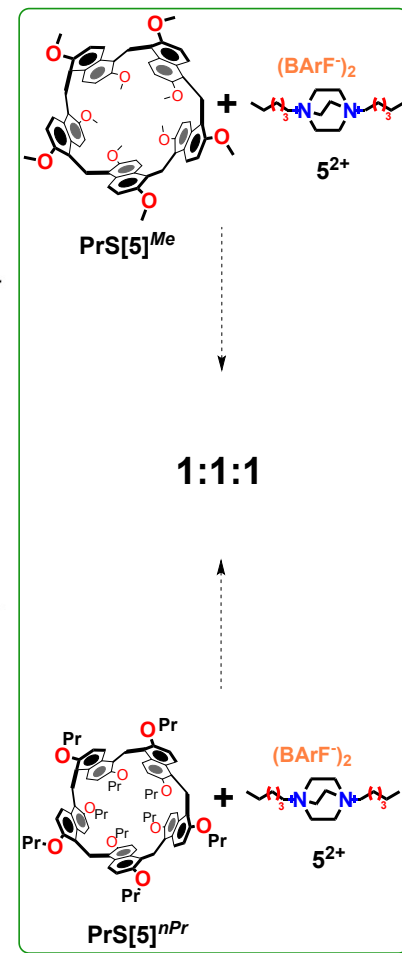
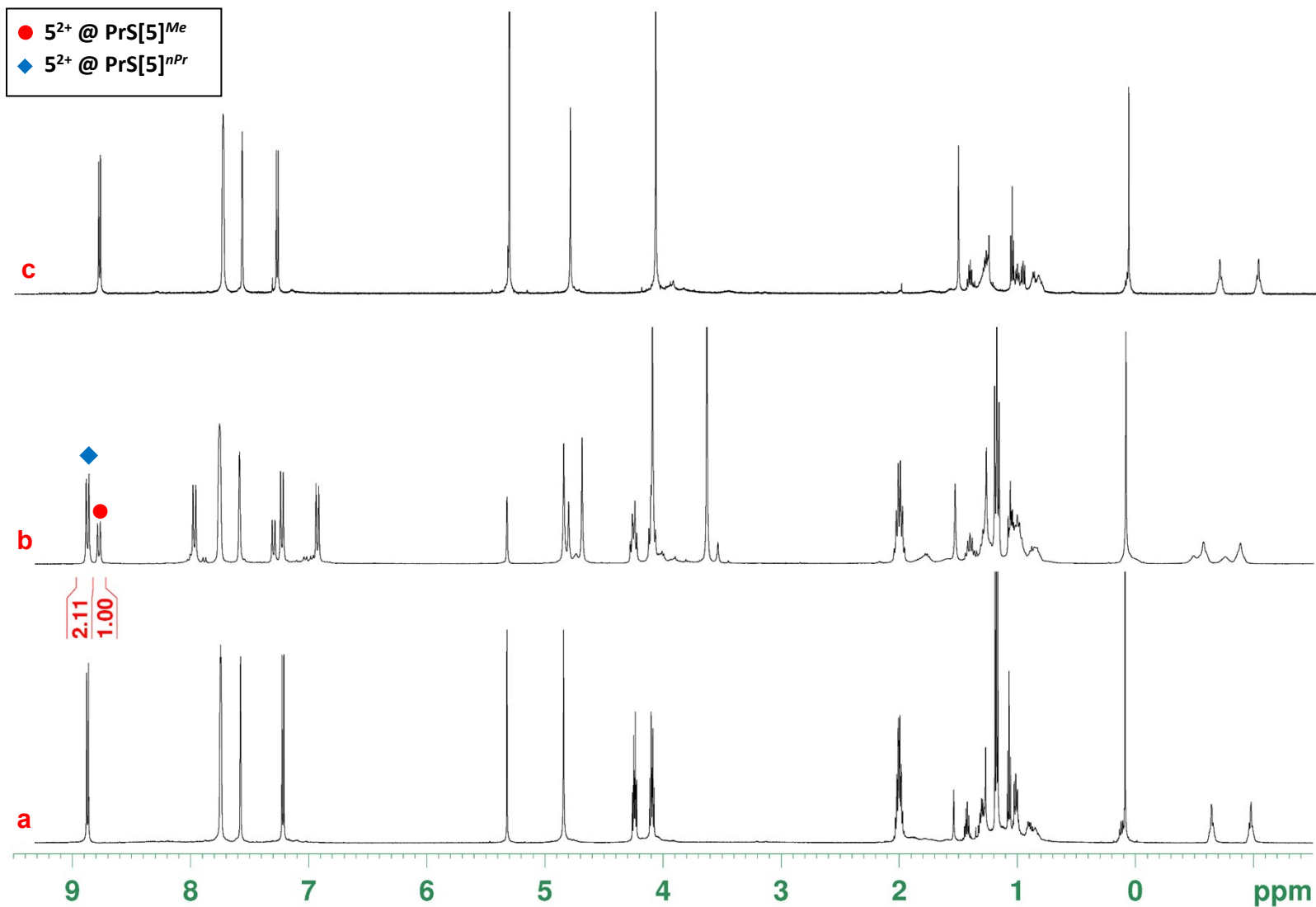


Figure S57: ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.23 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$ and $5(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Me}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$ and 1 equivalent of $5(\text{BArF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.23 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Me}$ and $5(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(5^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}) / K(5^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{Me}) = K(5^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}) / 3.9 \times 10^7 = [(2.11/3.11) \times 0.0022]^2 / [(1.00/3.11) \times 0.0022]^2$$

$$K(5^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}) = 4.46 \times 3.9 \cdot 10^7 = 1.7 \cdot 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

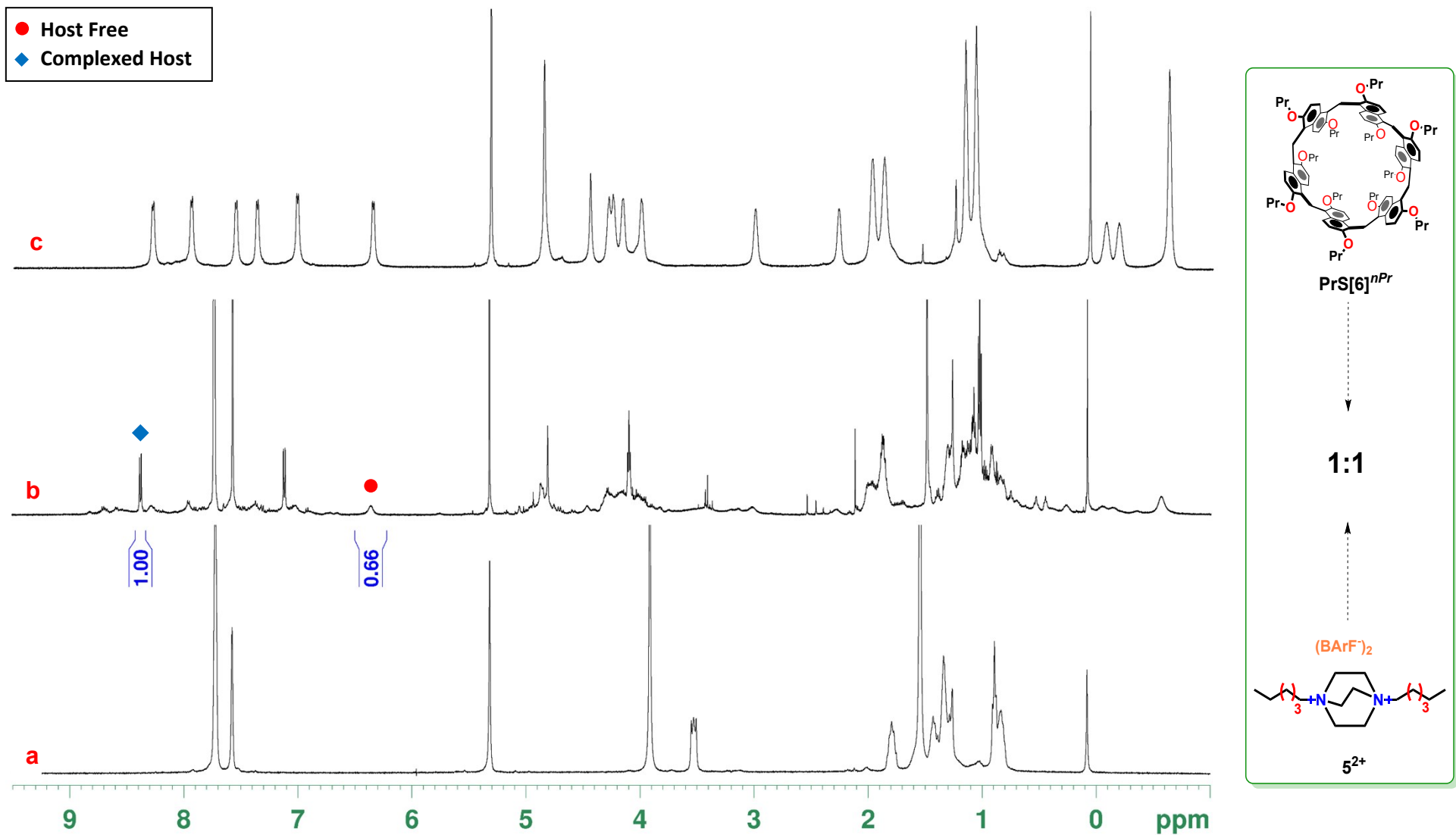


Figure S58: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) a solution of $5(\text{BArF})_2$ (b) an equimolar solution (2.00 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ and $5(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 and (c) a solution of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$.

Method A: Integral normalization: $1/12 = 0.08$ and $0.66/4 = 0.16$. $[\text{5}^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}] = [(0.08/0.24) \times 0.002] = 6.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$; $[\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}]_{\text{free}} = [\text{5}^{2+}]_{\text{free}} = 0.0013$; $K(\text{5}^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}) = 6.7 \cdot 10^{-4} / 1.7 \cdot 10^{-6} = 400 \text{ M}^{-1}$

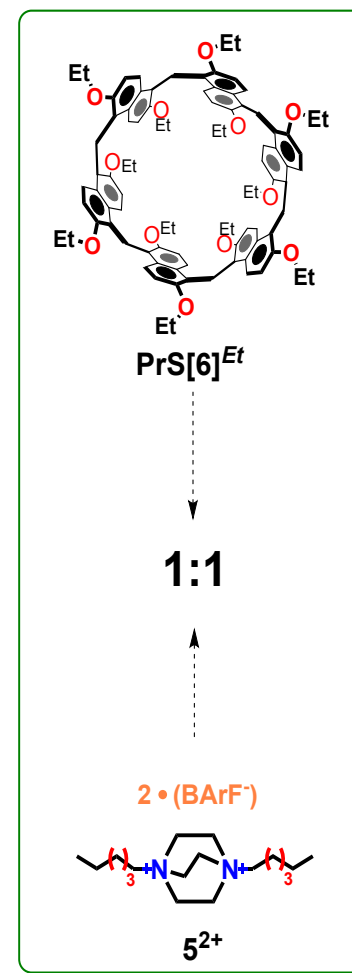
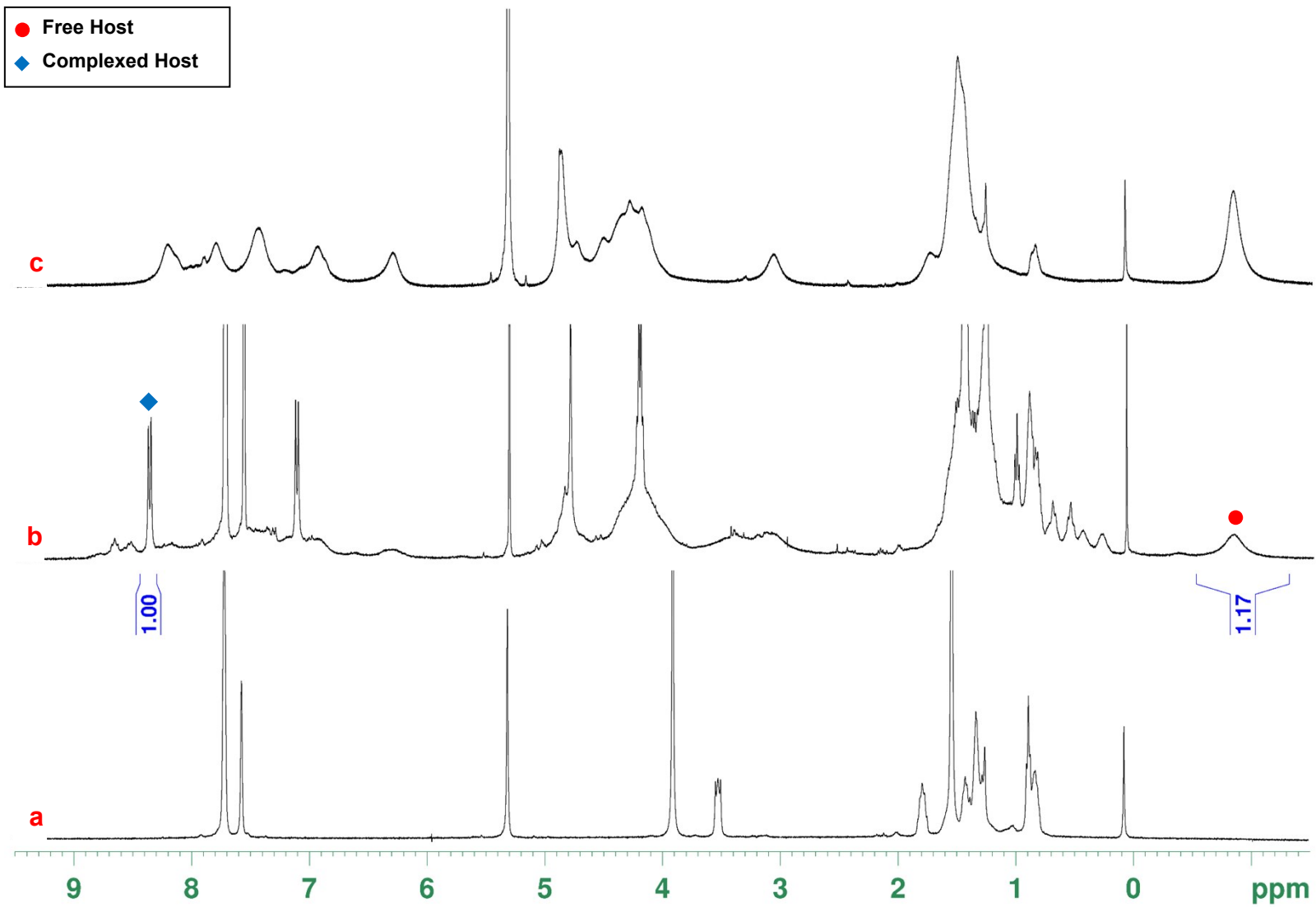


Figure S59: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) a solution of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ (b) an equimolar solution (2.00 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ and $5(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 and (c) a solution of $5(\text{BArF})_2$.

$$\text{Method A: } [5^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}] = [(1.00/2.17) \times 0.002] = 9.21 \cdot 10^{-4}; [\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}]_{\text{free}} = [5^{2+}]_{\text{free}} = 0.0011; K(5^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}) =$$

$$9.21 \cdot 10^{-4} / 1.16 \cdot 10^{-6} = 790 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

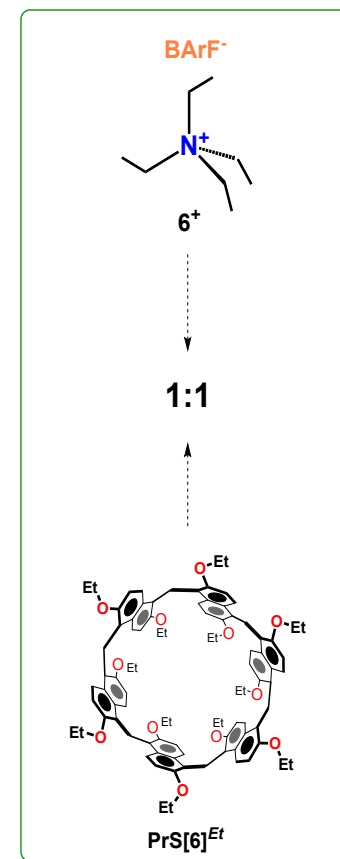
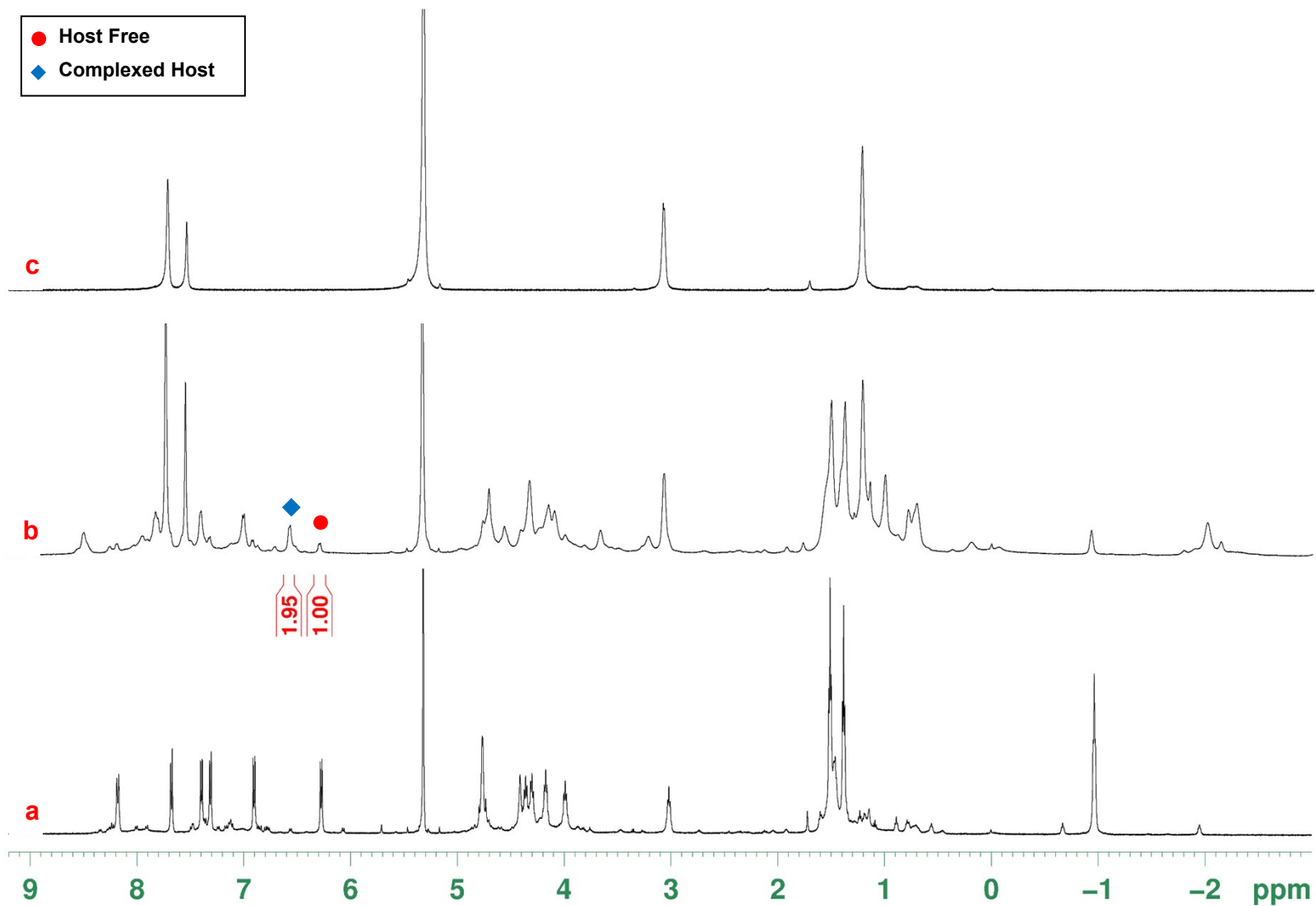


Figure S60: ¹H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 183 K) of: (a) a solution of PrS[6]^{Et} (b) an equimolar solution (2.1 mM) of PrS[6]^{Et} and 6(BArF) in 0.7 mL of CD₂Cl₂ and (c) a solution of 6(BArF).

Method A: $[6^+@PrS[6]^{Et}] = [(1.95/2.95) \times 0.0021] = 0.0014$; $[PrS[6]^{Et}]_{free} = [6^+]_{free} = 7.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$; $K(6^+@PrS[6]^{Et}) = 0.0014/5.1 \cdot 10^{-7} = 2745 \text{ M}^{-1}$

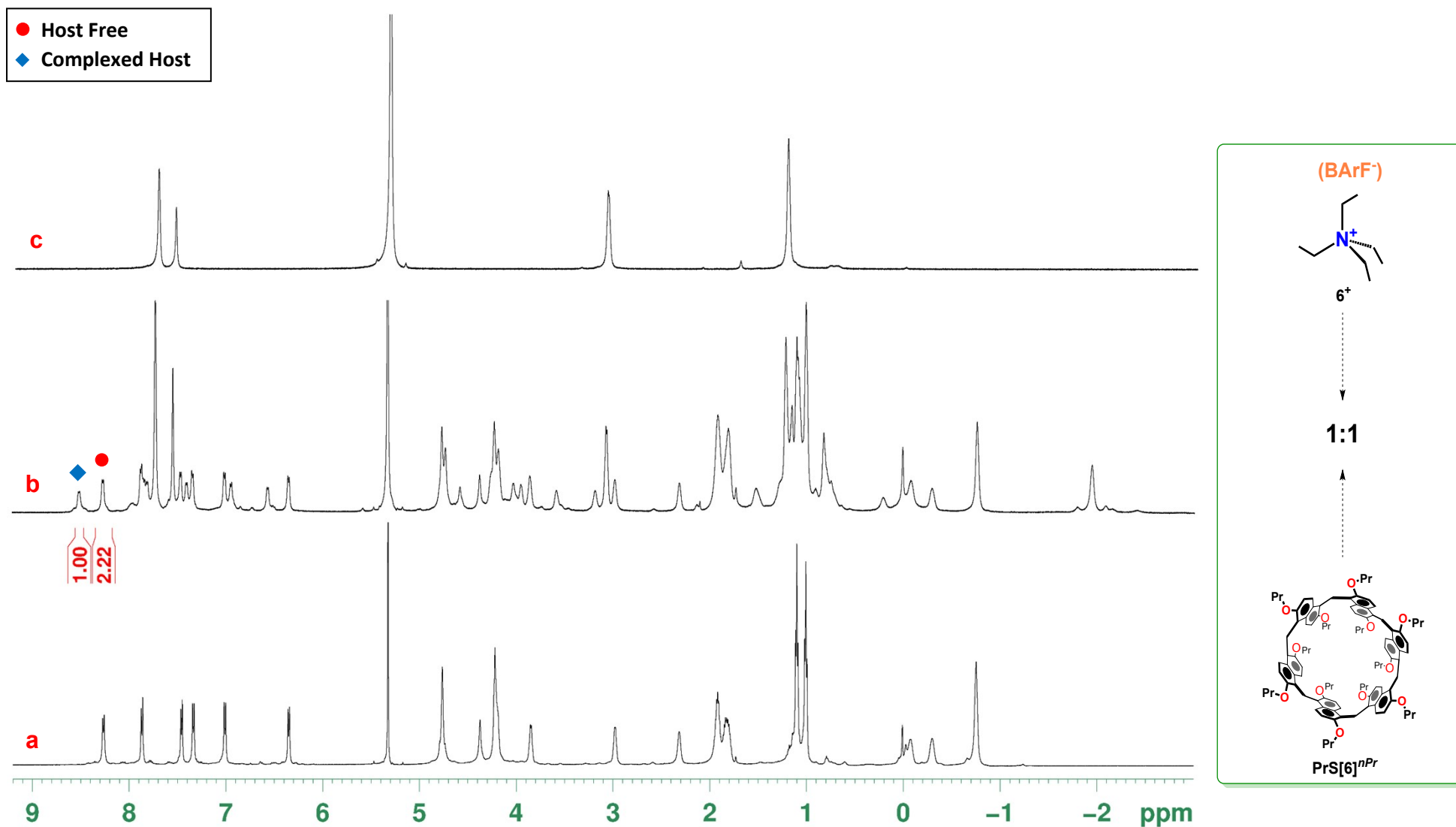


Figure S61: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 183 K) of: (a) a solution of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ (b) an equimolar solution (1.86 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ and $6(\text{BArF})$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 and (c) a solution of $6(\text{BArF})$.

Method A: $[\text{6}^+@ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}] = [(1.00/3.22) \times 0.00186] = 5.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$; $[\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}]_{\text{free}} = [\text{6}^+]_{\text{free}} = 0.0013$; $K(\text{6}^+@ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}) = 5.8 \cdot 10^{-4} / 1.7 \cdot 10^{-6} = 340 \text{ M}^{-1}$

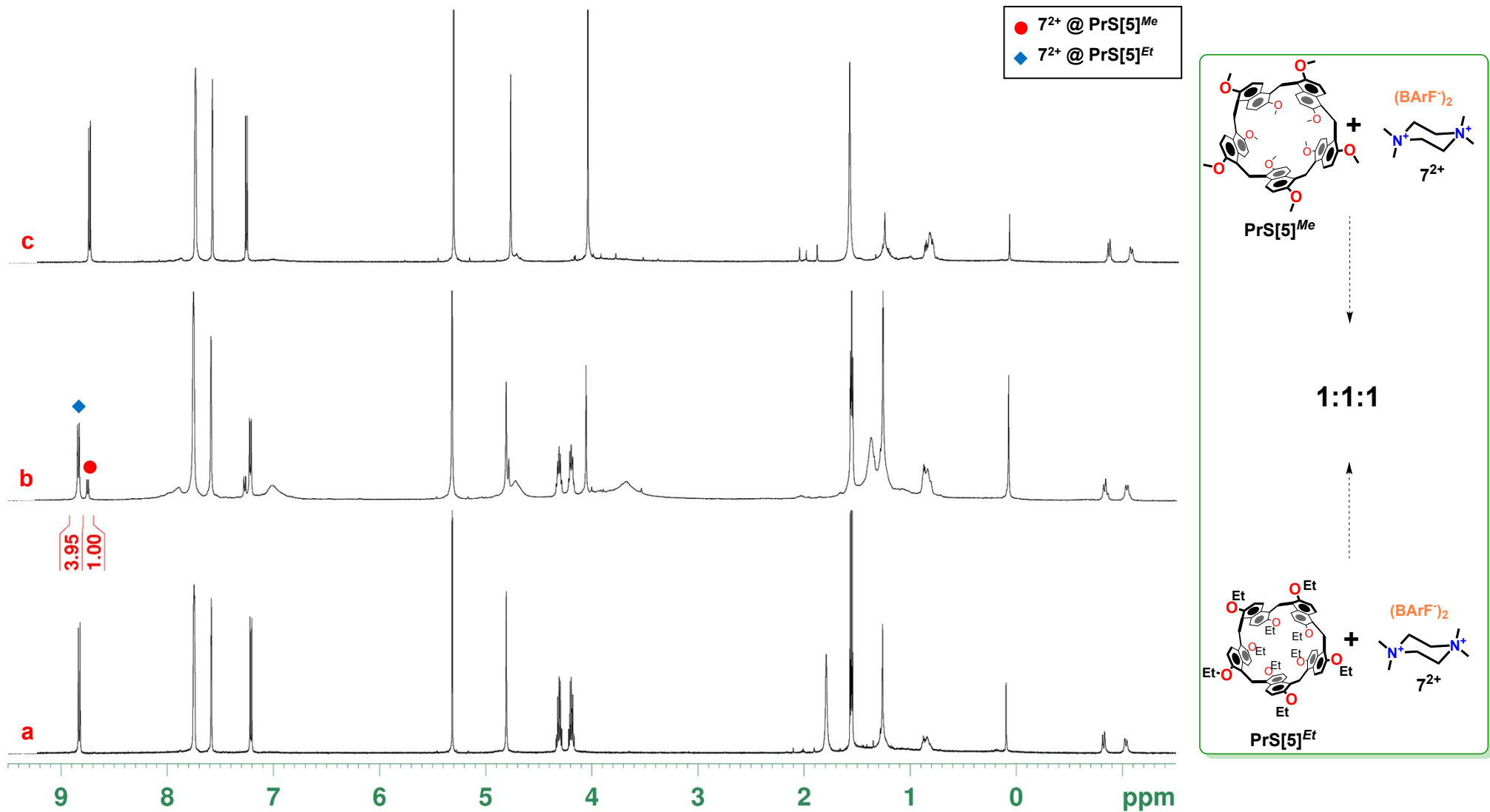


Figure S62: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.50 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}$ and $7(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}$ and 1 equivalent of $7(\text{BArF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.50 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ and $7(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(7^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}) / K(7^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}) = K(7^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}) / 1.8 \times 10^7 = [(3.95/4.95) \times 0.0025]^2 / [(1.00/4.95) \times 0.0025]^2$$

$$K(7^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}) = 16 \times 1.8 \cdot 10^7 = 2.8 \cdot 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

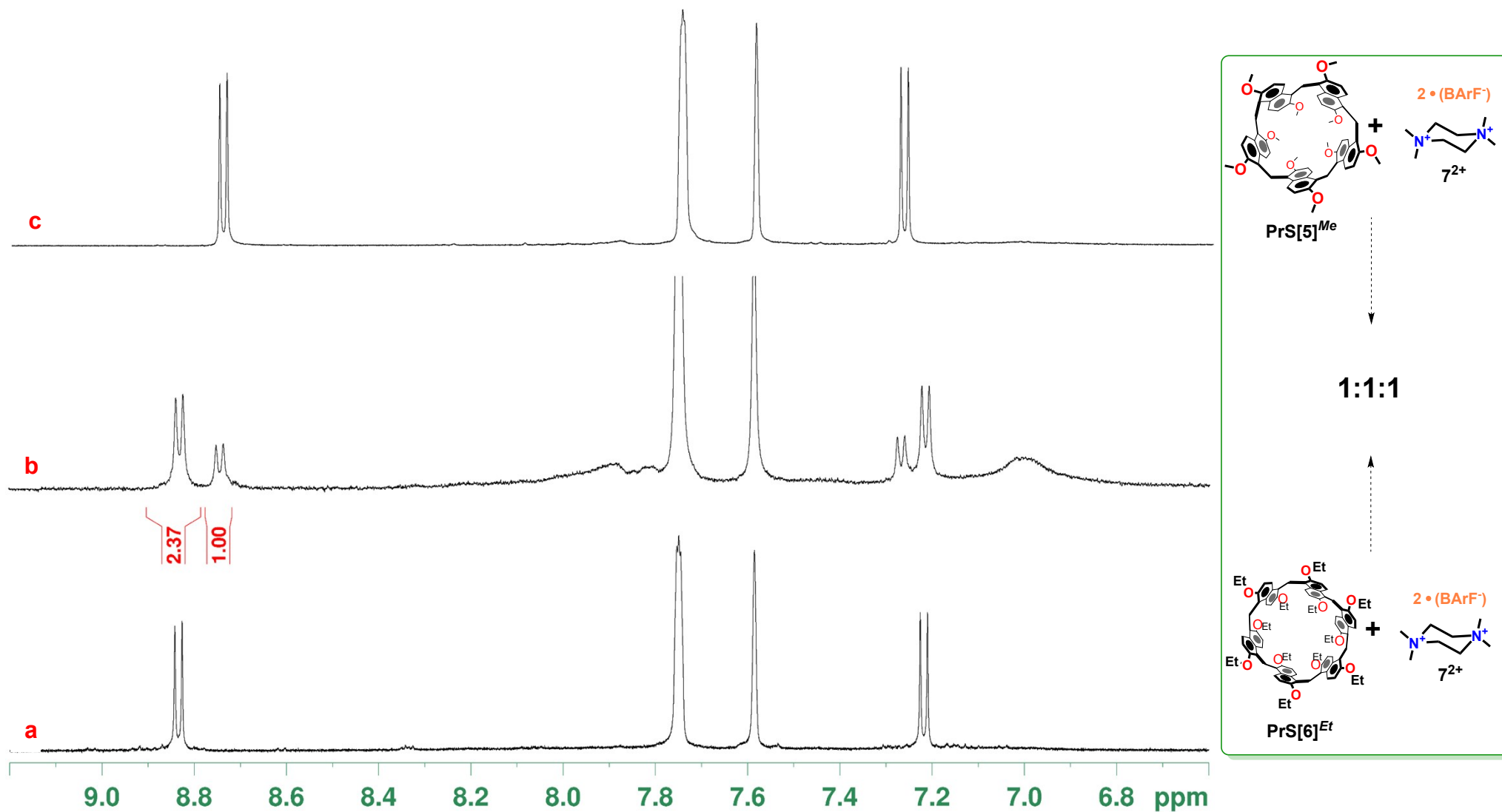


Figure S63: Significant portion of ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.10 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ and $7(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ and 1 equivalent of $7(\text{BArF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.10 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ and $7(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(7^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}) / K(7^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}) = K(5^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}) / 1.8 \times 10^7 = [(2.37/3.37) \times 0.0021]^2 / [(1.00/3.37) \times 0.0021]^2$$

$$K(7^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}) = 5.6 \times 1.8 \cdot 10^7 = 1.0 \cdot 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

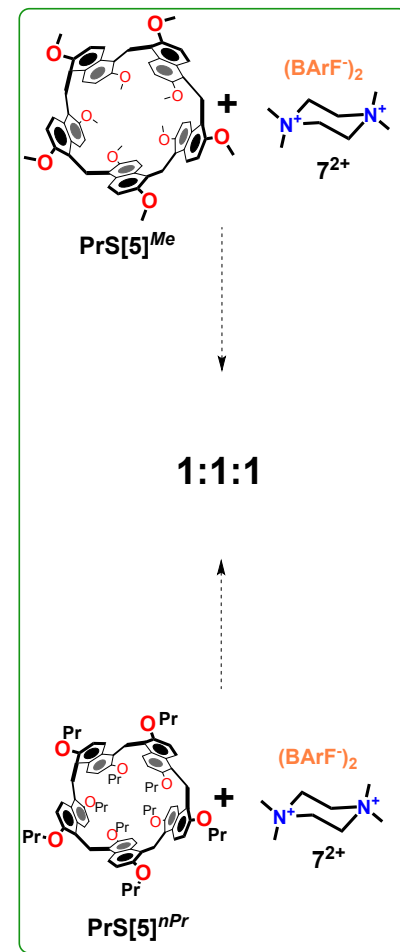
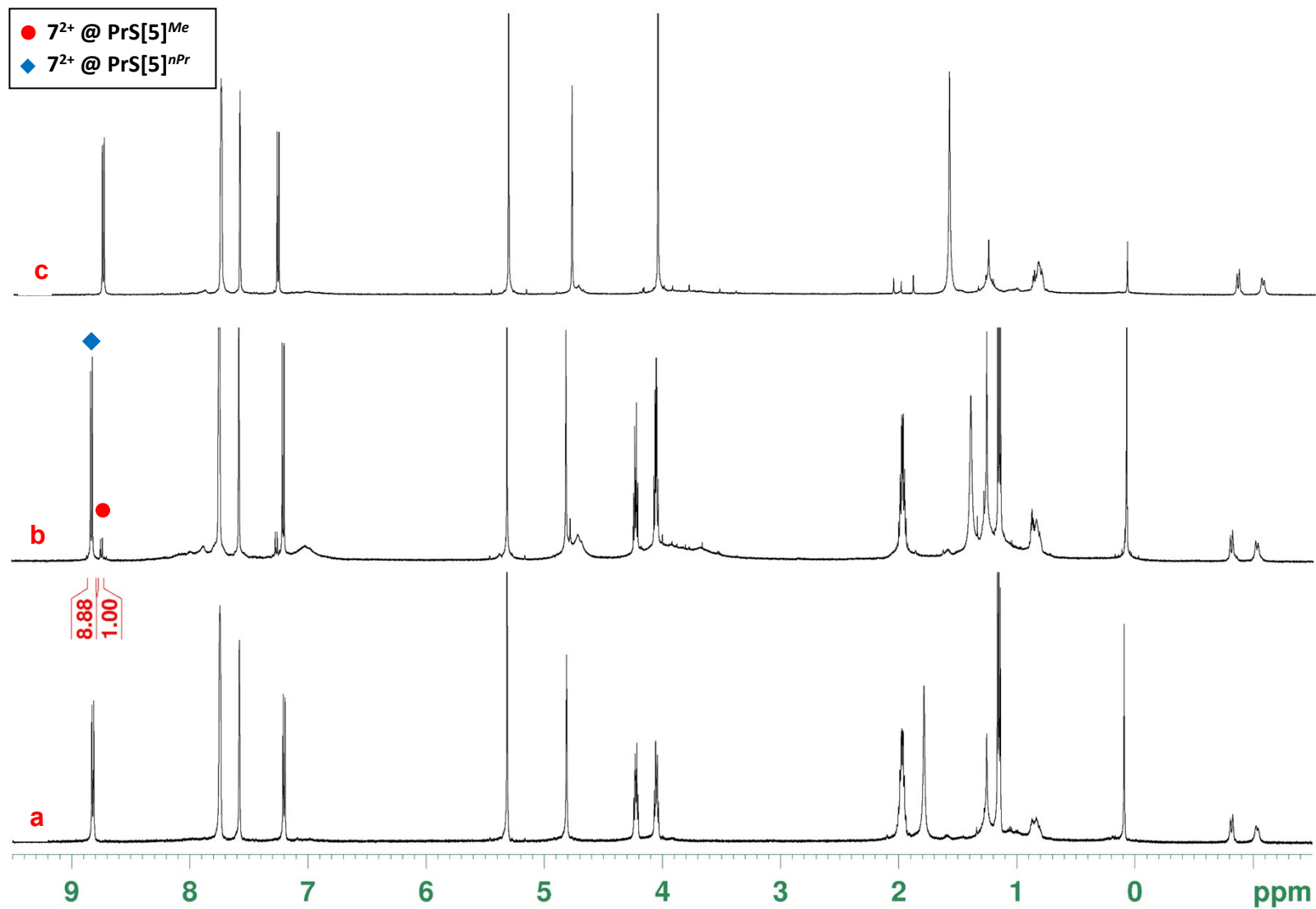


Figure S64: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.10 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$ and $7(\text{BarF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Me}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$ and 1 equivalent of $7(\text{BarF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.10 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Me}$ and $7(\text{BarF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(7^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}) / K(7^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{Me}) = K(5^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}) / 1.8 \times 10^7 = [(8.88/9.88) \times 0.0021]^2 / [(1.00/9.88) \times 0.0021]^2$$

$$K(7^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}) = 79 \times 1.8 \cdot 10^7 = 1.4 \cdot 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

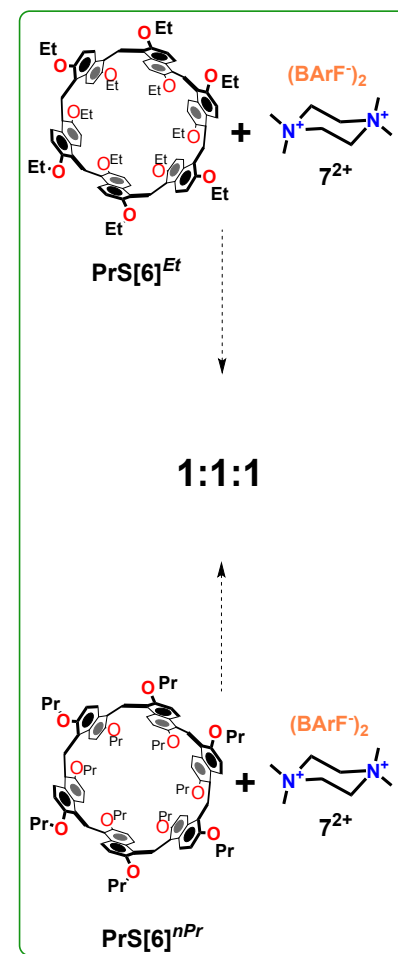
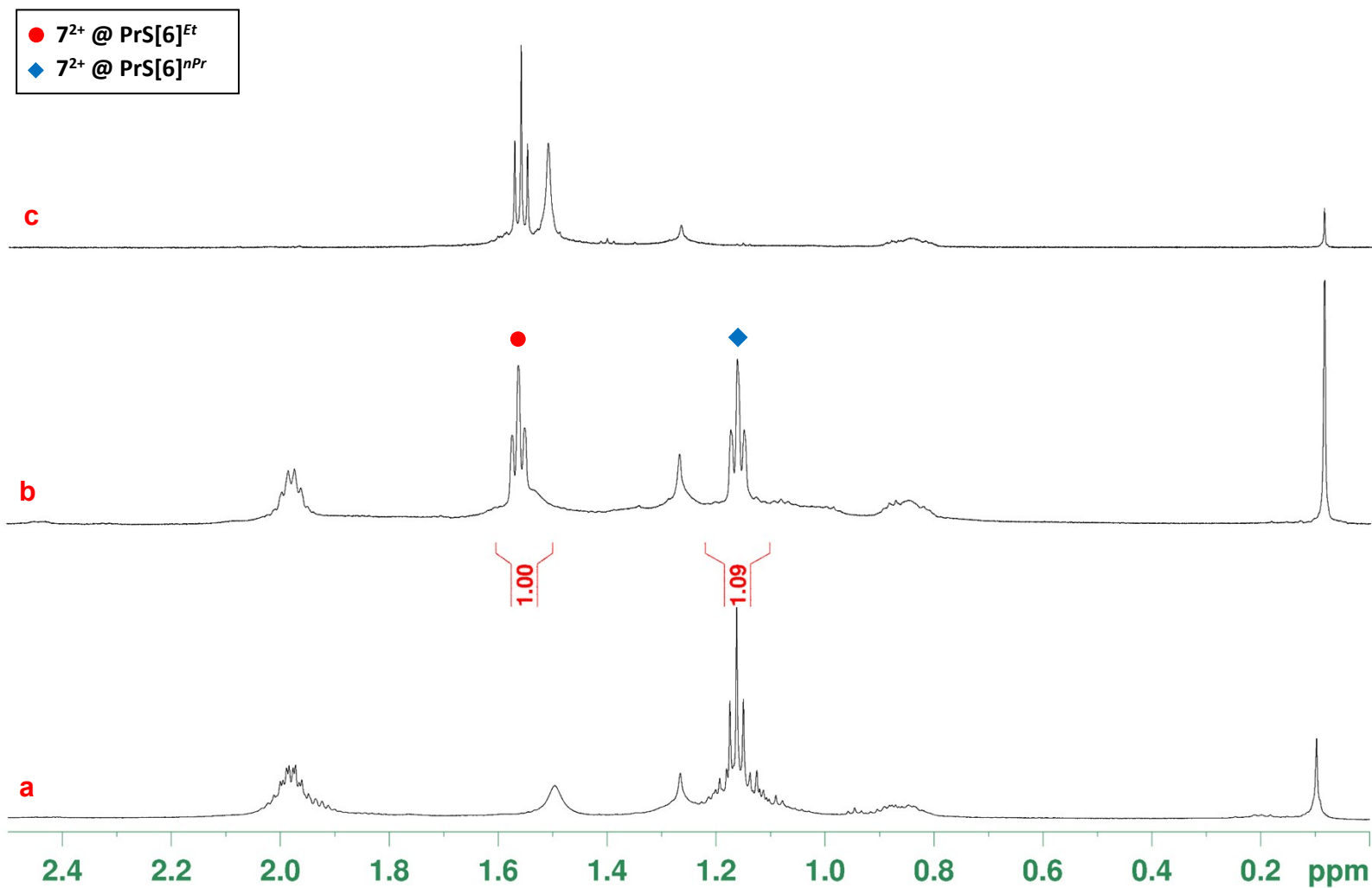


Figure S65: Significant portion of ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.40 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ and $7(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{Et}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ and 1 equivalent of $7(\text{BArF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.40 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{Et}$ and $7(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(7^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}) / K(7^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{Et}) = K(7^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}) / 1.0 \times 10^8 = [(1.09/2.09) \times 0.0024]^2 / [(1.00/2.09) \times 0.0024]^2$$

$$K(7^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}) = 79 \times 1.0 \cdot 10^8 = 1.2 \cdot 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

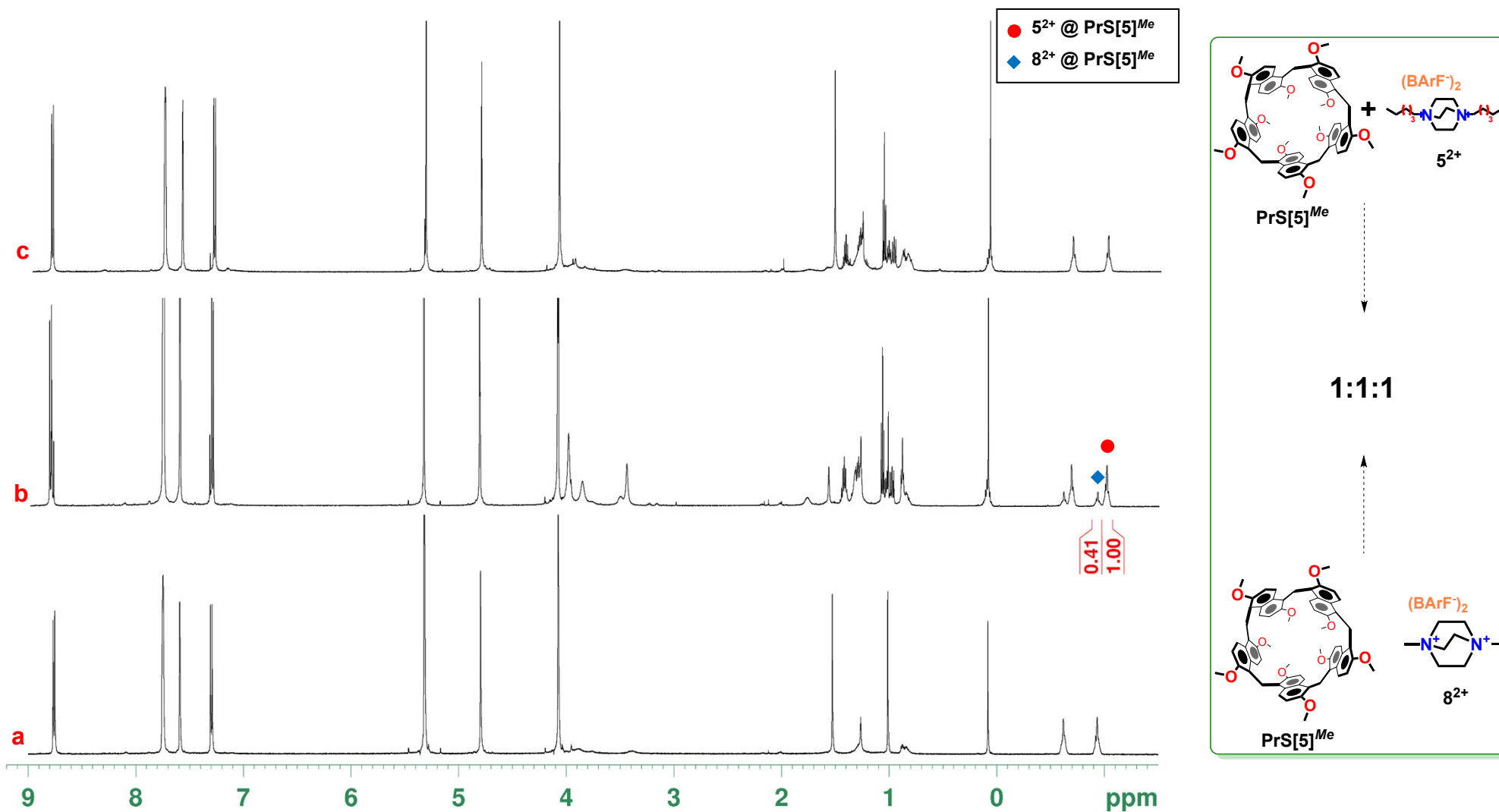


Figure S66: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.85 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ and $8(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $8(\text{BArF})_2$ and 1 equivalent of $5(\text{BArF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.85 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ and $5(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}) / K(5^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}) = K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}) / 3.9 \times 10^7 = [(0.41/1.41) \times 0.0028]^2 / [(1.00/1.41) \times 0.0028]^2$$

$$K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}) = 0.17 \times 3.9 \times 10^7 = 6.6 \cdot 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

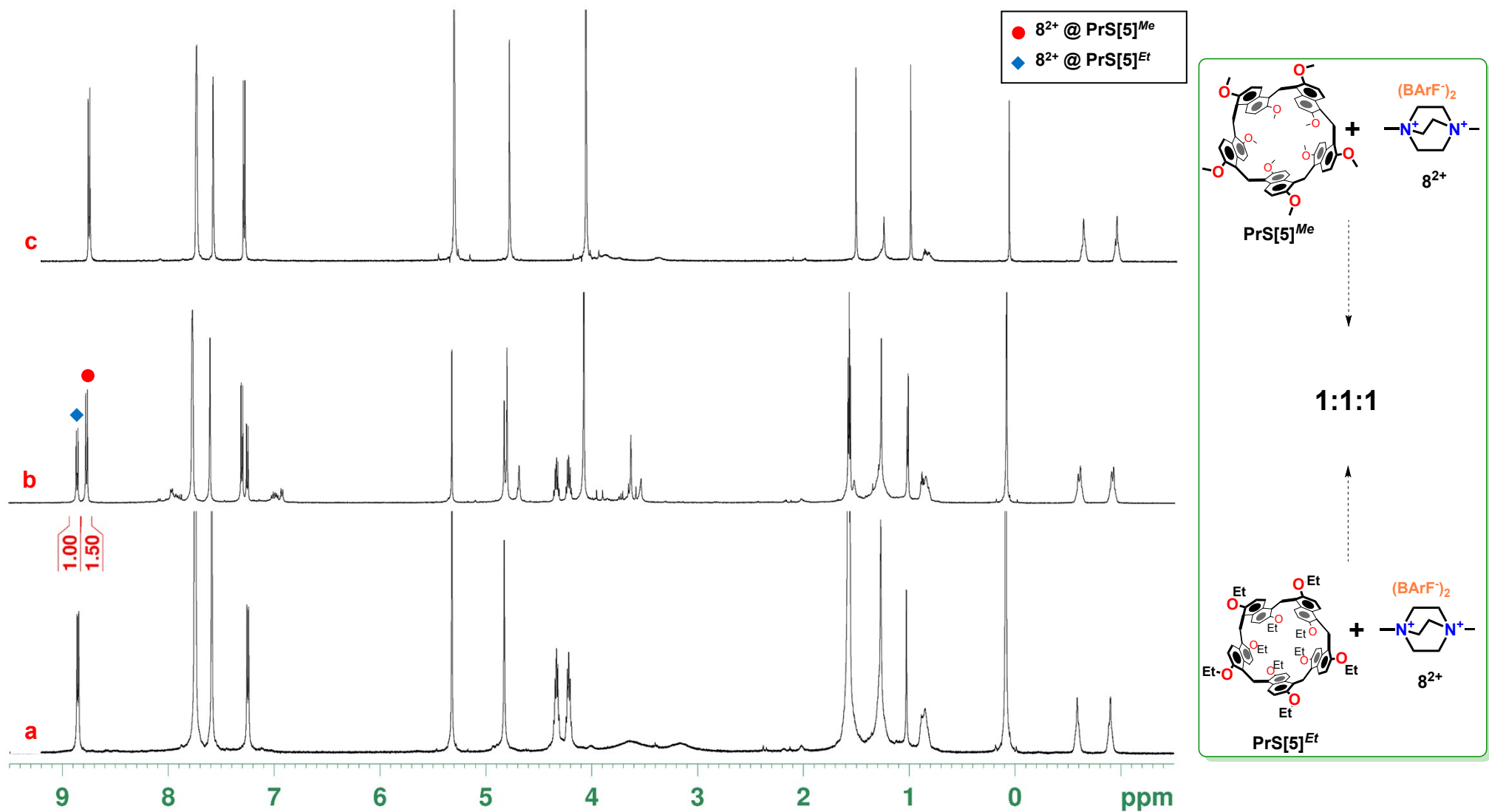


Figure S67: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (7.25 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}$ and $8(\text{BARF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}$ and 1 equivalent of $8(\text{BARF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (7.25 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ and $8(\text{BARF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(8^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}) / K(8^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}) = K(8^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}) / 6.6 \times 10^6 = [(1.00/2.50) \times 0.0072]^2 / [(1.50/2.50) \times 0.0072]^2$$

$$K(8^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}) = 0.45 \times 6.6 \times 10^6 = 2.9 \cdot 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

$K(9^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me}) = 5780 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (by integration, see Figure S68)

Competition experiment: $9^{2+} + PrS[5]^{Me} + PrS[5]^{Et} = 9^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me} + 9^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et} \rightarrow K(9^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et}) = 1.0 \cdot 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S69)

Competition experiment: $9^{2+} + PrS[6]^{Me} + PrS[5]^{Et} = 9^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Me} + 9^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Et} \rightarrow K(9^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Me}) = 3.7 \cdot 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S70)

Competition experiment: $9^{2+} + PrS[6]^{Me} + 8^{2+} = 9^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Me} + 8^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Me} \rightarrow K(8^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Me}) = 4.2 \cdot 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S71)

Competition experiment: $9^{2+} + PrS[5]^{Me} + PrS[5]^{nPr} = 9^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me} + 9^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr} \rightarrow K(9^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}) = 4.8 \cdot 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S72)

Competition experiment: $8^{2+} + PrS[5]^{Me} + PrS[5]^{nPr} = 8^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me}$ (Figure S59) + $8^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr} \rightarrow K(8^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}) = 6.3 \cdot 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S73)

Competition experiment: $8^{2+} + PrS[6]^{Me} + PrS[6]^{Et} = 8^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Me} + 8^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Et} \rightarrow K(8^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Et}) = 420 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S74)

Competition experiment: $8^{2+} + PrS[6]^{Me} + PrS[6]^{nPr} = 8^{2+}@PrS[6]^{Me} + 8^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr} \rightarrow K(8^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr}) = 370 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (figure S75)

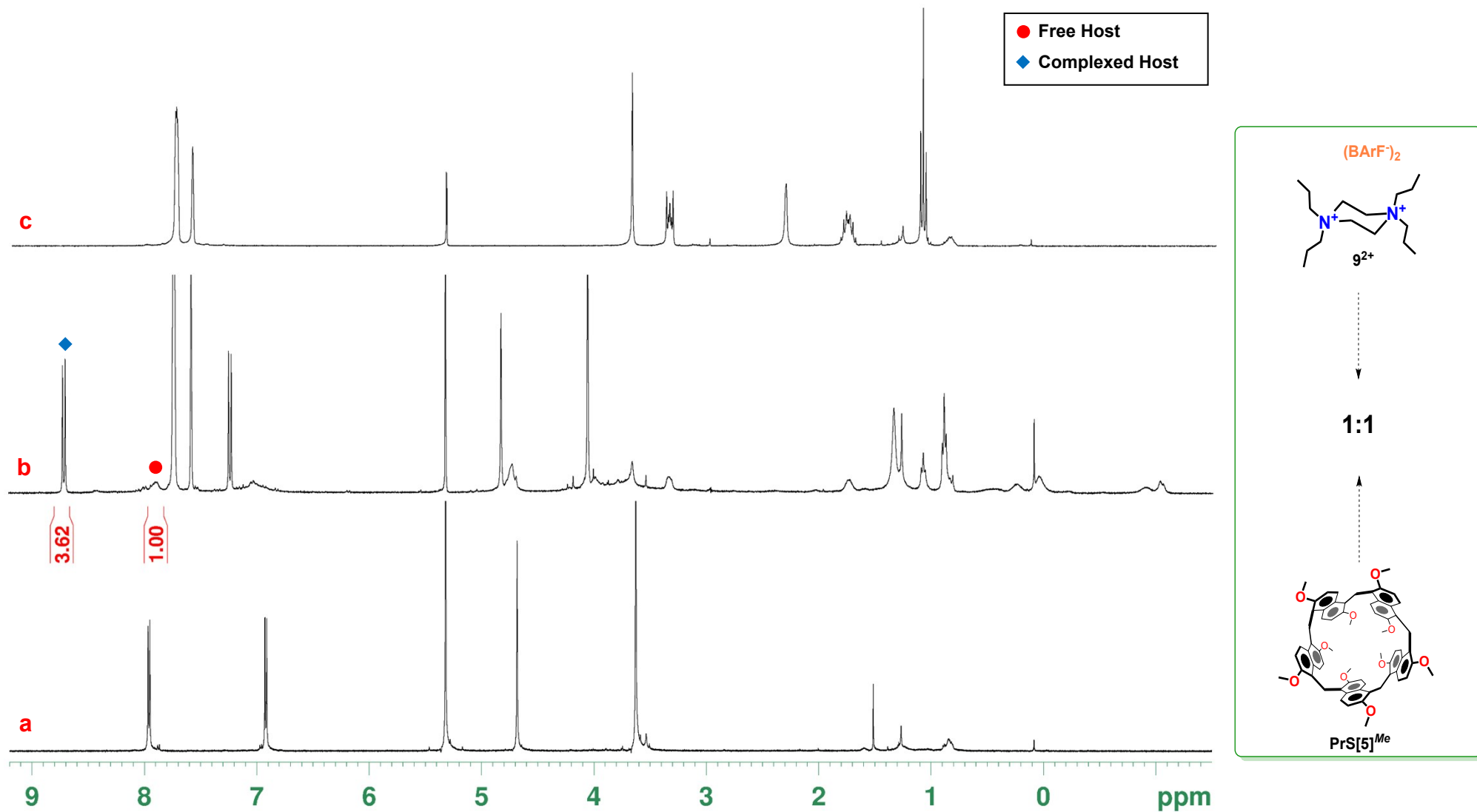


Figure S68: ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) a solution of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ (b) an equimolar solution (2.85 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}$ and $9(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 and (c) a solution of $9(\text{BArF})_2$.

Method A: $[\text{9}^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Me}}] = [(3.62/4.62) \times 0.0028] = 0.0022$; $[\text{PrS}[6]^{n\text{Pr}}]_{\text{free}} = [\text{9}^{2+}]_{\text{free}} = 0.0006$; $K (6^+@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}) = 0.0022/3.8 \cdot 10^{-7} = 5780 \text{ M}^{-1}$

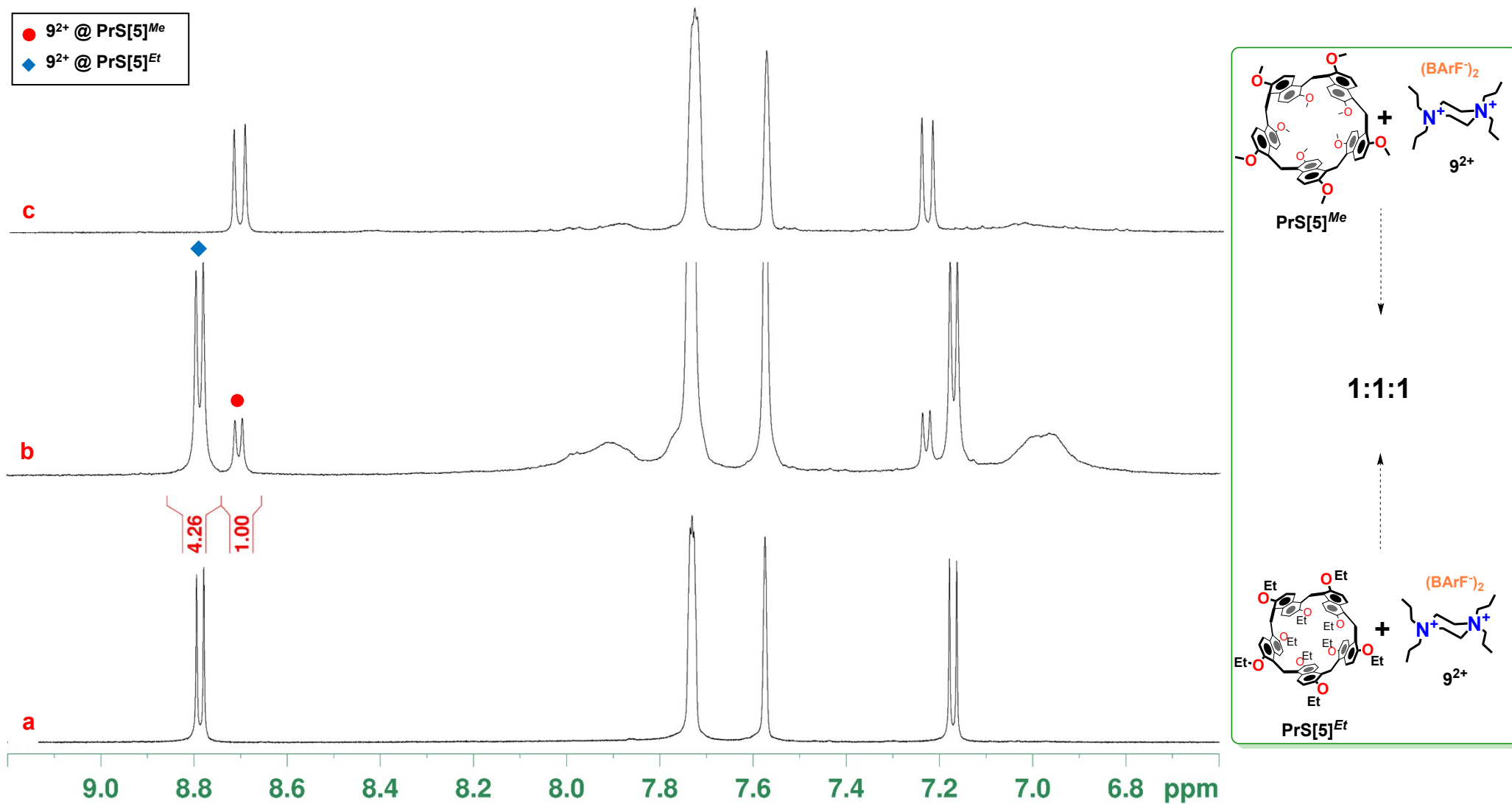


Figure S69: Significant portion of ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.50 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$ and $9(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Me}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$ and 1 equivalent of $9(\text{BArF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.50 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Me}$ and $9(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(9^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Et}) / K(9^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Me}) = K(9^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Et}) / 5780 = [(4.26/5.26) \times 0.0025]^2 / [(1.00/5.26) \times 0.0025]^2$$

$$K(9^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Et}) = 18 \times 5780 = 1.0 \cdot 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

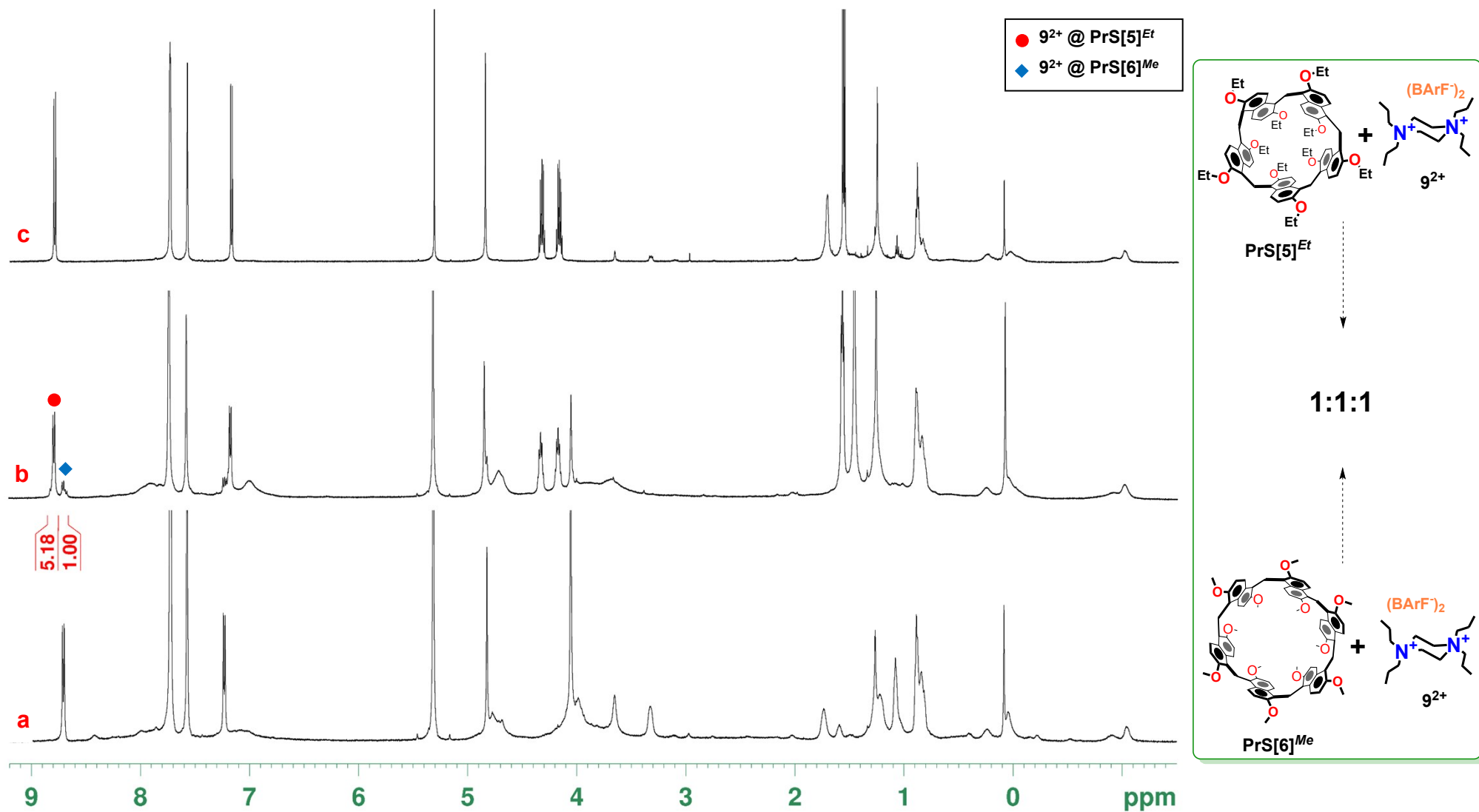


Figure S70: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.38 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Me}}$ and $9(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Me}}$ and 1 equivalent of $9(\text{BArF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.38 mM) of $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}$ and $9(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(9^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Me}}) / K(9^{2+}@\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}) = K(9^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Me}}) / 1.0 \cdot 10^5 = [(1.00/6.18) \times 0.0024]^2 / [(5.18/6.18) \times 0.0024]^2$$

$$K(9^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Me}}) = 0.04 \times 1.0 \cdot 10^5 = 3700 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

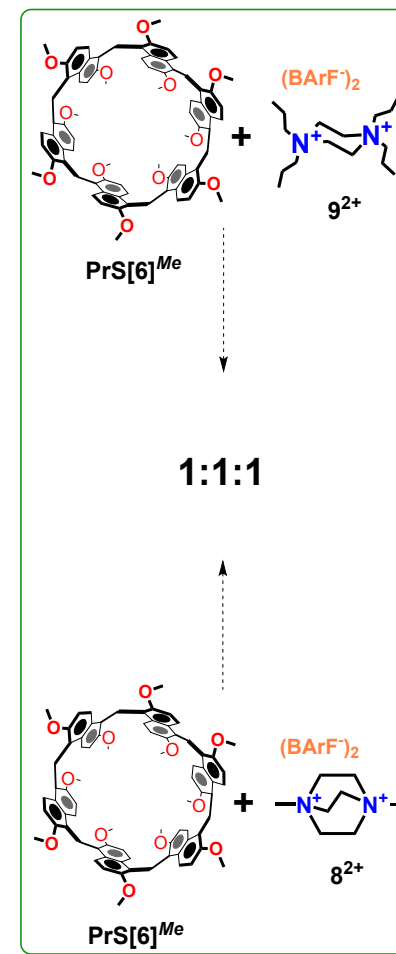
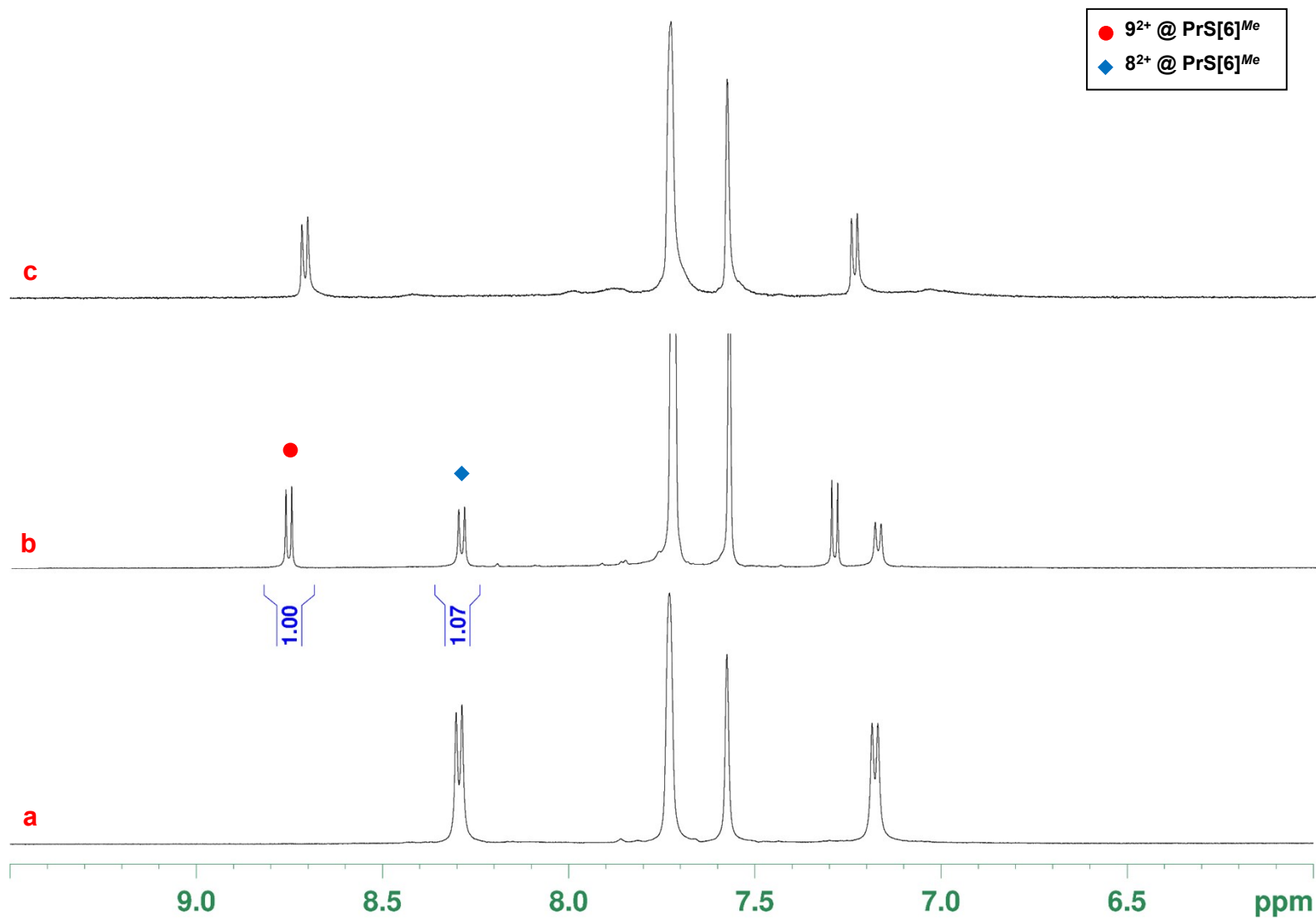


Figure S71: ¹H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.38 mM) of PrS[6]^{Me} and 8(BArF)₂ in 0.7 mL of CD₂Cl₂, (b) of PrS[6]^{Me} in the presence of 1 equivalent of 8(BArF)₂ and 1 equivalent of 9(BArF)₂ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.38 mM) of PrS[6]^{Me} and 9(BArF)₂ in 0.7 mL of CD₂Cl₂.

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{Me}) / K(9^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{Me}) = K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{Me}) / 3700 = [(1.07/2.07) \times 0.0024]^2 / [(1.00/2.07) \times 0.0024]^2$$

$$K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{Me}) = 1.14 \times 3700 = 4200 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

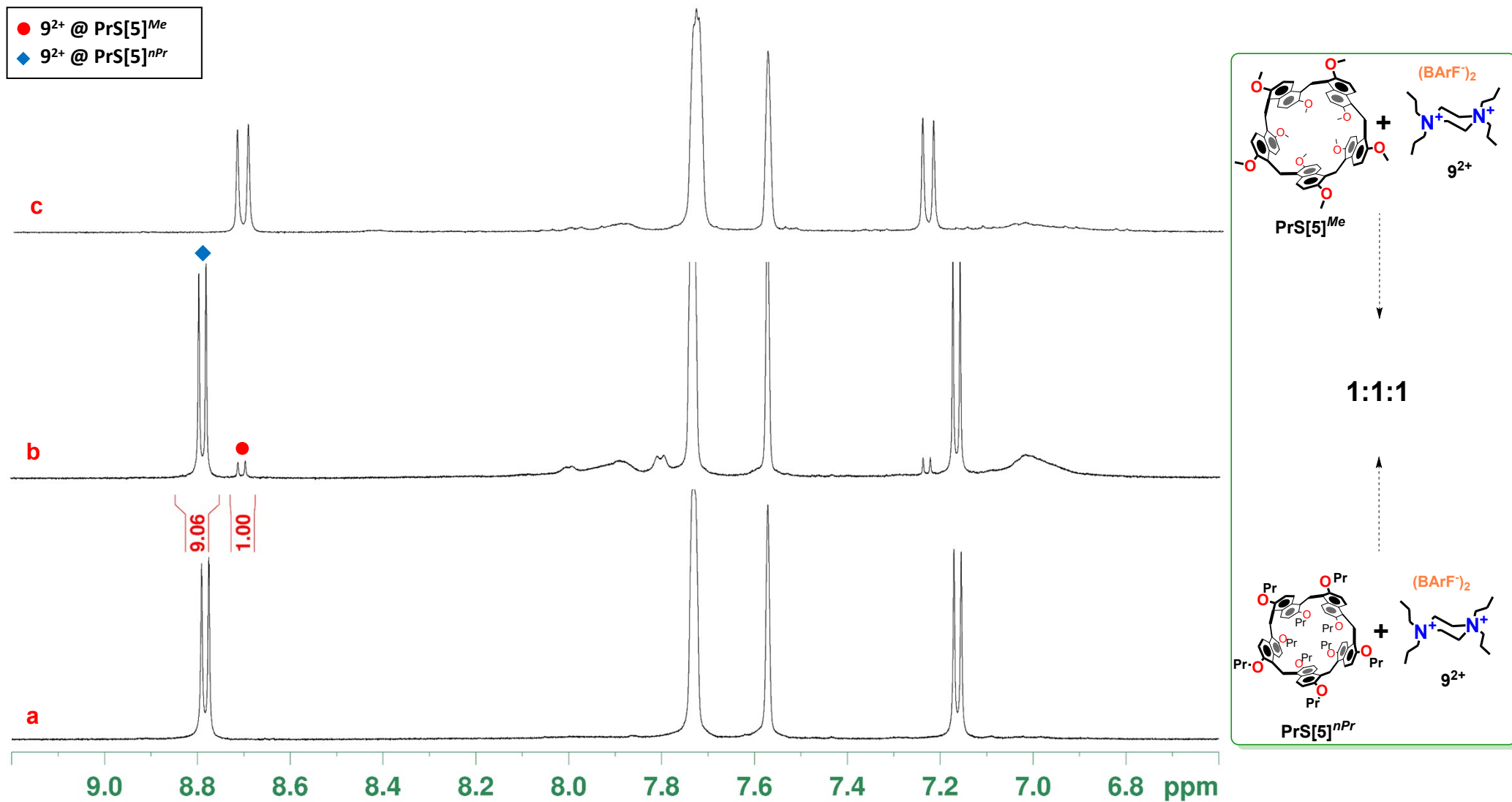


Figure S72: Significant portion of ¹H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (3.12 mM) of **PrS[5]^{nPr}** and **9(BArF)₂** in 0.7 mL of CD₂Cl₂, (b) of **PrS[5]^{Me}** in the presence of 1 equivalent of **PrS[5]^{nPr}** and 1 equivalent of **9(BArF)₂** and (c) an equimolar solution (3.12 mM) of **PrS[5]^{Me}** and **9(BArF)₂** in 0.7 mL of CD₂Cl₂.

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(9^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}) / K(9^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{Me}) = K(9^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}) / 5780 = [(9.1/10.1) \times 0.0031]^2 / [(1.00/10.1) \times 0.0031]^2$$

$$K(9^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}) = 82 \times 5780 = 4.8 \cdot 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

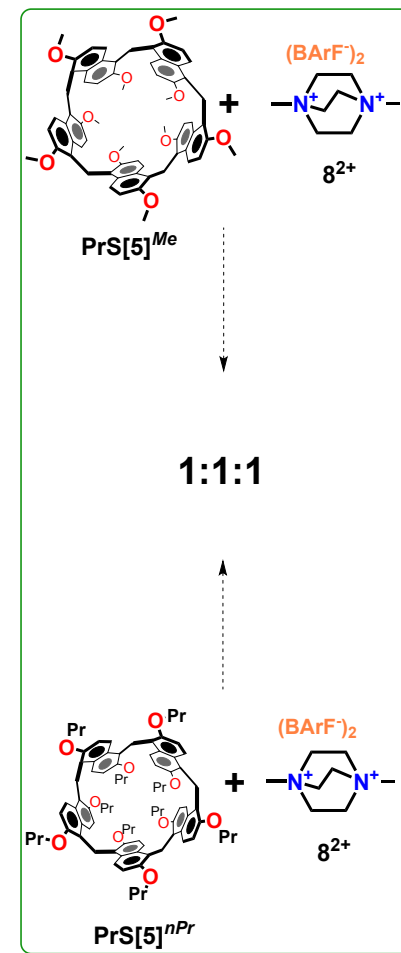
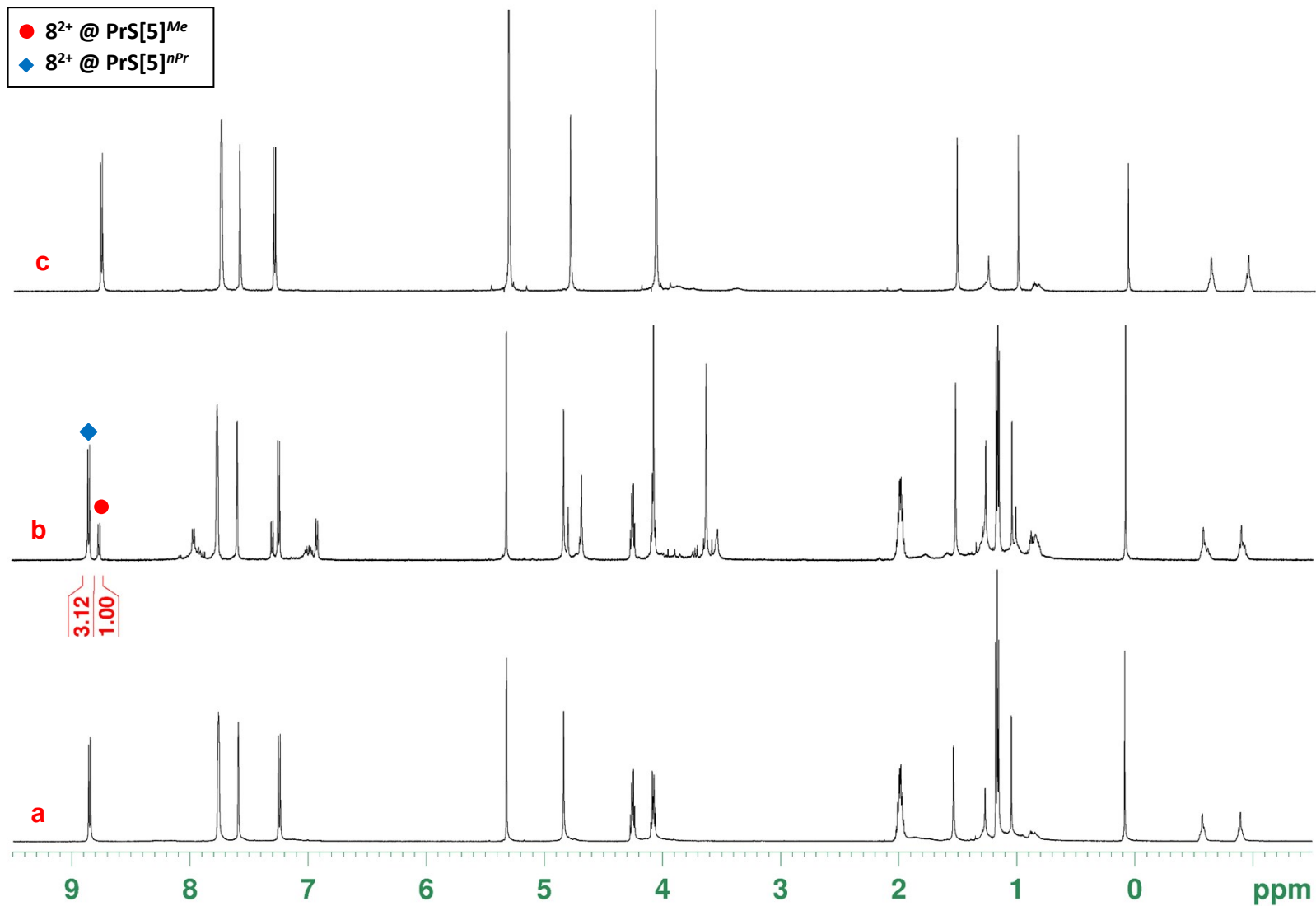


Figure S73: ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (4.68 mM) of $\text{PrS[5]}^{\text{nPr}}$ and $8(\text{BARF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS[5]}^{\text{Me}}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS[5]}^{\text{nPr}}$ and 1 equivalent of $8(\text{BARF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (4.68 mM) of $\text{PrS[5]}^{\text{Me}}$ and $8(\text{BARF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS[5]}^{\text{nPr}}) / K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS[5]}^{\text{Me}}) = K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS[5]}^{\text{nPr}}) / 6.6 \cdot 10^6 = [(3.12/4.12) \times 0.0047]^2 / [(1.00/4.12) \times 0.0047]^2$$

$$K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS[5]}^{\text{nPr}}) = 9.6 \times 6.6 \cdot 10^6 = \mathbf{6.3 \cdot 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1}}$$

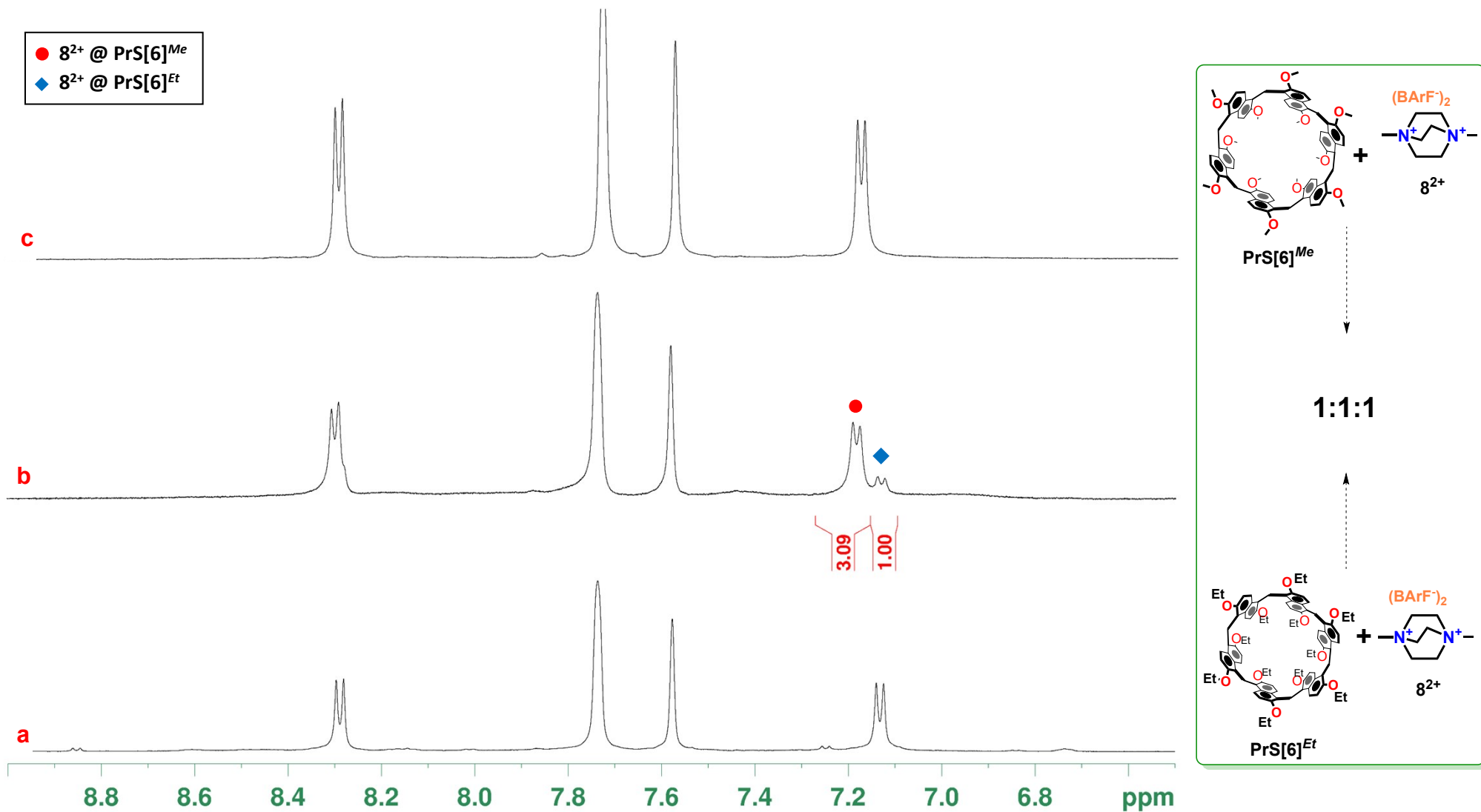


Figure S74: Significant portion of ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.38 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ and $8(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Me}}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$ and 1 equivalent of $8(\text{BArF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.38 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Me}}$ and $8(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}) / K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Me}}) = K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}) / 4.2 \cdot 10^3 = [(1.00/4.10) \times 0.0024]^2 / [(3.10/4.10) \times 0.0024]^2$$

$$K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}) = 0.1 \times 4.2 \cdot 10^3 = 420 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

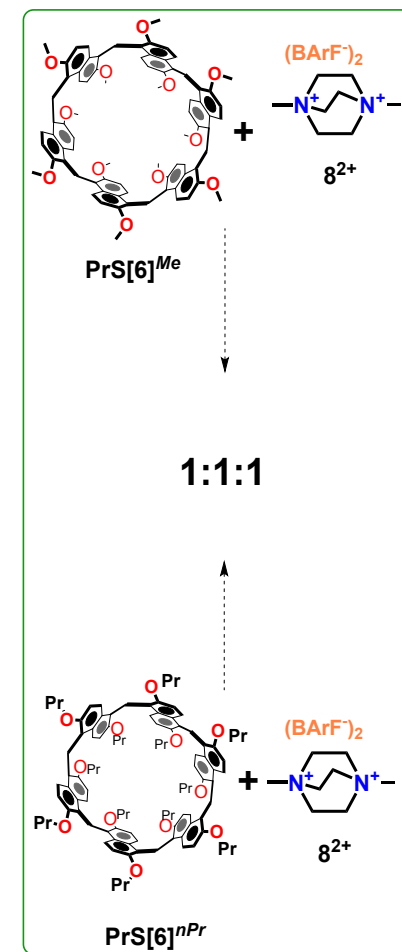
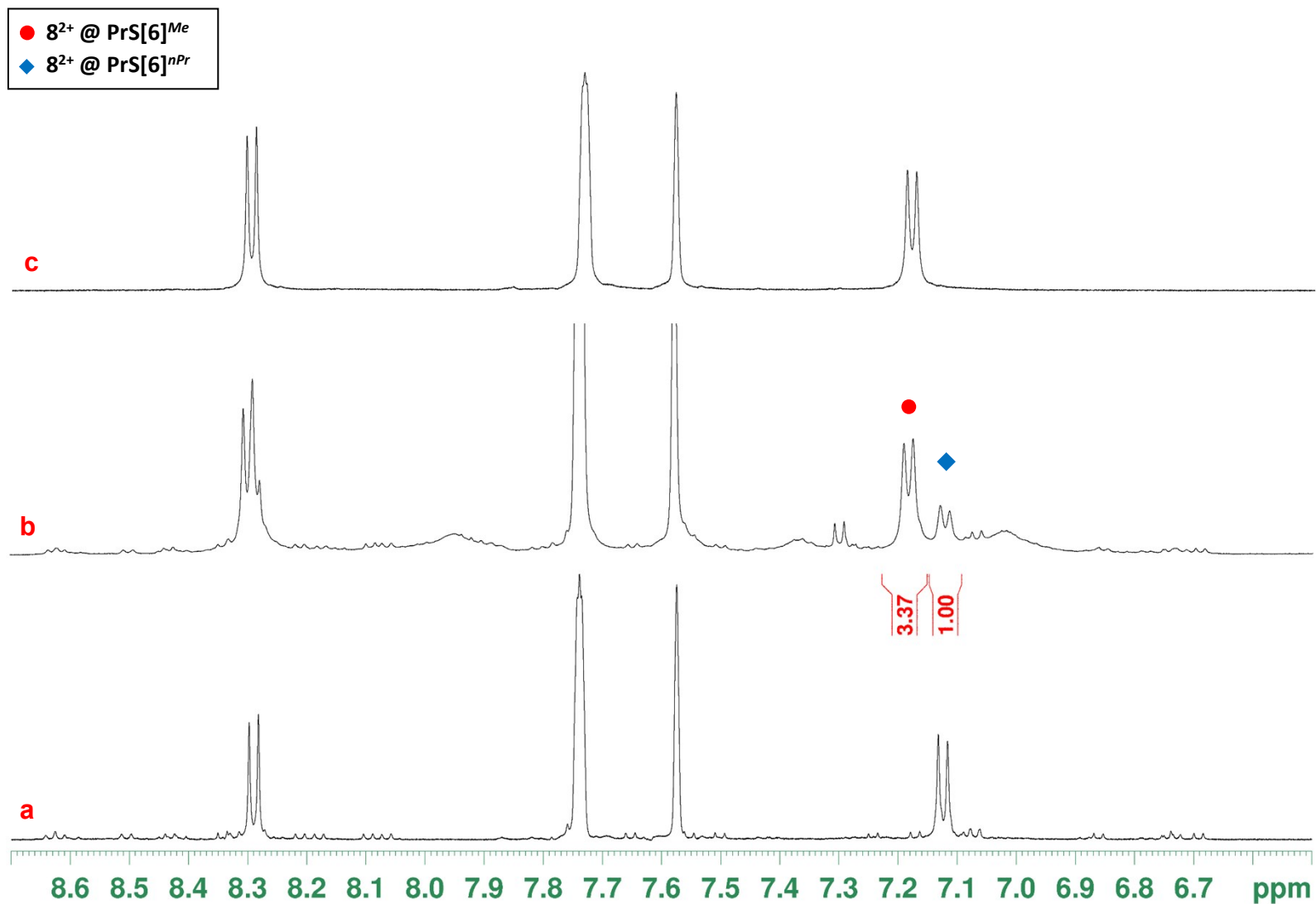


Figure S75: Significant portion of ^1H NMR spectra (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K) of: (a) an equimolar solution (2.38 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ and $8(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 , (b) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{Me}$ in the presence of 1 equivalent of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ and 1 equivalent of $8(\text{BArF})_2$ and (c) an equimolar solution (2.38 mM) of $\text{PrS}[6]^{Me}$ and $8(\text{BArF})_2$ in 0.7 mL of CD_2Cl_2 .

$$\text{Method B: } K_{\text{rel}} = K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}) / K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{Me}) = K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}) / 4200 = [(1.00/4.37) \times 0.0024]^2 / [(3.37/4.37) \times 0.0024]^2$$

$$K(8^{2+}@\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}) = 0.09 \times 4.2 \cdot 10^3 = 370 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

Fluorescence Titration

Determination of association constant by fluorescence titration was performed at 298 K in a 1 cm Quartz cuvette in dichloromethane. The increase in the fluorescent intensity of **PrS[5]^{nPr}** at 383 nm were recorded after excitation at 350 nm.

The host concentration was kept constant (2 μM) while the **[7(BArF)₂]** was varied from 0.0 - 4.0 μM (0.0 - 2.0 equivalents). Binding Constant (K) was determined by fitting of experimental data according to literature³ and experiment was repeated three time. Error is smaller of $\pm 15\%$.

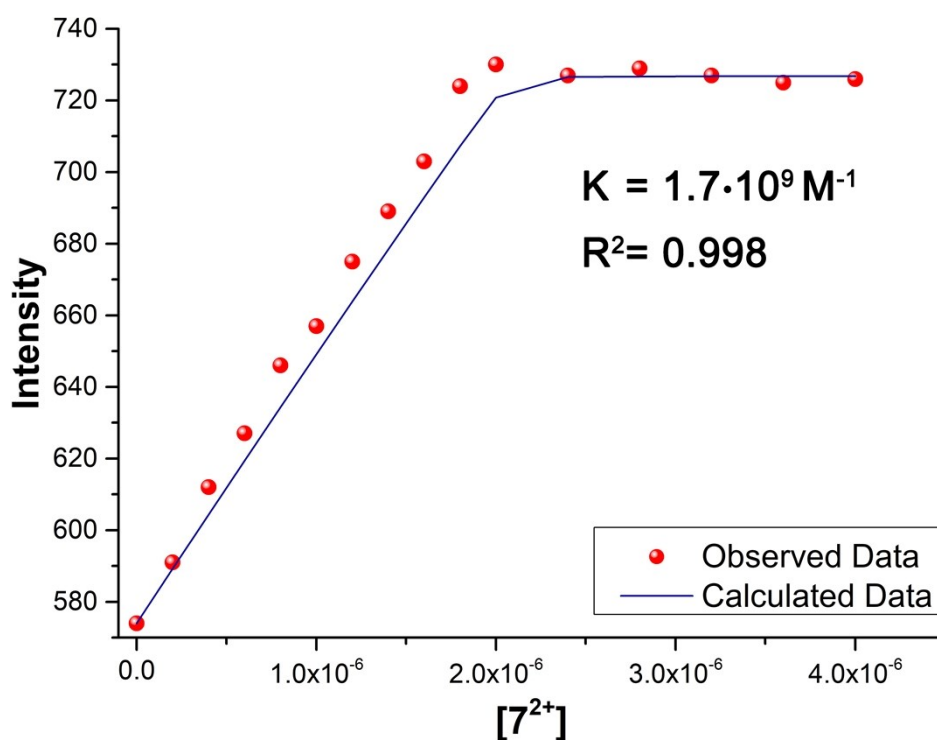


Figure S76: Correlation of [7²⁺] on the fluorescence intensity of **PrS[5]^{nPr}** for obtaining K.

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DFT Calculations

Conformational studies have been performed using the DFT method incorporated in the Gaussian 16 package,⁴ and using B97D3/SVP/SVPFIT level of theory in CH₂Cl₂ as solvent. The starting structure for DFT calculations were obtained by molecular mechanics calculation performed by YASARA software. All optimized structures were characterized by 0 imaginary frequency.

Guess structures for the transition states were located by using a homemade docking program able to manage dependent dihedrals and based on the MMFF94 force field. Starting from the reactive carbocation of the last closure step, initial structures of the final transition state were generated for the attack of the CH₂ moiety at both the Re and Si faces of the naphthyl unit, by activating all the rotatable bonds. All the guessed structures were optimized at the B97D3/SVP level of density functional theory (DFT).⁵ Located transition states exhibit one large imaginary frequency associated to a normal coordinate corresponding to the stretching vibration of the forming (C-C) bond. Solvent (1,2-dichloroethane) effects were included via the polarizable continuum model.⁶

Gibbs free energy was evaluated at T = 298.15 K, assuming the standard state c₀ = 1 M.^{7,8,9} The so-called ΔG_{50} approach was adopted according to which free energies are estimated by halving gas-phase computed entropic terms.^{6,10,11} Indeed previous investigations suggest that including half of the 'gas-phase' (based on the particle in a box, rigid rotor, harmonic oscillator model) predicted entropy ($\Delta S_{\text{soln}} = 0.5 \Delta S_{\text{gas}}$) is expected to yield solvation Gibbs free energies in good agreement with experimental data.¹² All DFT computations were carried out by using the Gaussian 16 software.³

⁴ M. J. Frisch, G. W. Trucks, H. B. Schlegel, G. E. Scuseria, M. A. Robb, J. R. Cheeseman, G. Scalmani, V. Barone, B. Mennucci, G. A. Petersson, H. Nakatsuji, M. Caricato, X. Li, H. P. Hratchian, A. F. Izmaylov, J. Bloino, G. Zheng, J. L. Sonnenberg, M. Hada, M. Ehara, K. Toyota, R. Fukuda, J. Hasegawa, M. Ishida, T. Nakajima, Y. Honda, O. Kitao, H. Nakai, T. Vreven, J. A. Montgomery, J. E. Peralta, F. Ogliaro, M. Bearpark, J. J. Heyd, E. Brothers, K. N. Kudin, V. N. Staroverov, R. Kobayashi, J. Normand, K. Raghavachari, A. Rendell, J. C. Burant, S. S. Iyengar, J. Tomasi, M. Cossi, N. Rega, J. M. Millam, M. Klene, J. E. Knox, J. B. Cross, V. Bakken, C. Adamo, J. Jaramillo, R. Gomperts, R. E. Stratmann, O. Yazyev, A. J. Austin, R. Cammi, C. Pomelli, J. W. Ochterski, R. L. Martin, K. Morokuma, V. G. Zakrzewski, G. A. Voth, P. Salvador, J. J. Dannenberg, S. Dapprich, A. D. Daniels, Farkas, J. B. Foresman, J. V. Ortiz, J. Cioslowski, D. J. Fox, Gaussian 16 revision A.03.

⁵ S. Grimme, S. Ehrlich, L. Goerigk, *J. Comp. Chem.* 2011, **32**, 1456-1465.

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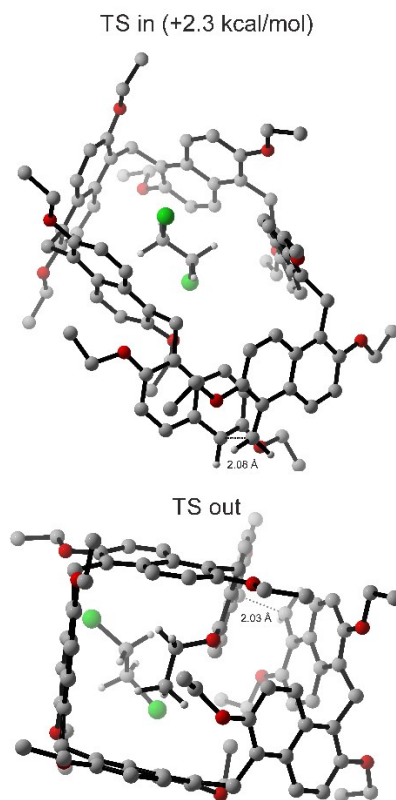


Figure S77. The most stable transition states for the closure step of **PrS[6]Et**: TS holding DCE inside the cavity (TS in, top); TS holding DCE outside the cavity and an ethyl group inside the cavity (TS out, bottom). Noncritical hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Gibbs free energy (B97D3/SVP, kcal/mol, in parentheses) refers to the most stable TS. Distances of the forming bond are given in Å.

DFT optimized structure of PrS[6]^{nPr}

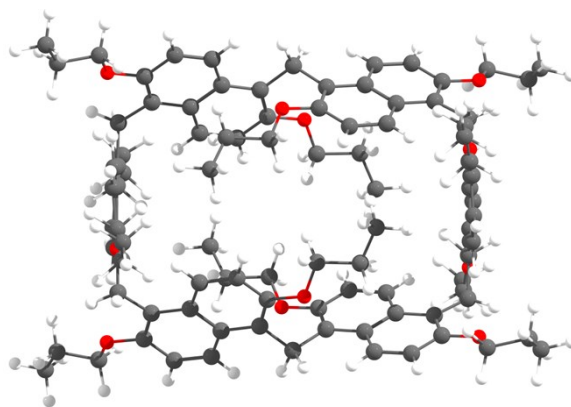


Figure S78. DFT-optimized structure (B97D3/SVP/SVPFIT) of PrS[6]^{nPr}.

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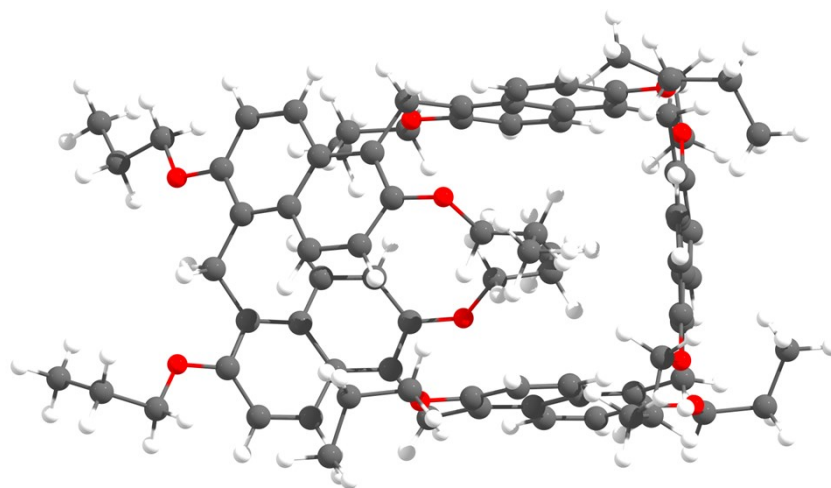


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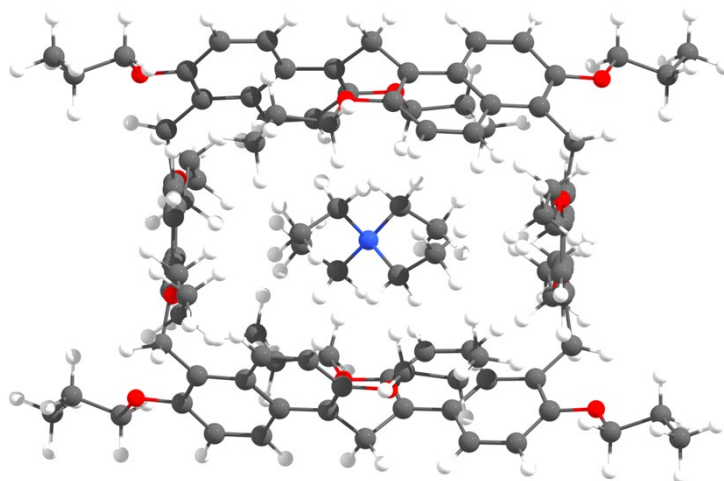


Figure S80. DFT-optimized structure (B97D3/SVP/SVPFIT) of the $6^+ @ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ complex.

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C	3.17965100	2.96784400	-4.79258500
C	0.00015500	5.58779200	-0.00054700
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Atomic coordinates of $7^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr}$ complex

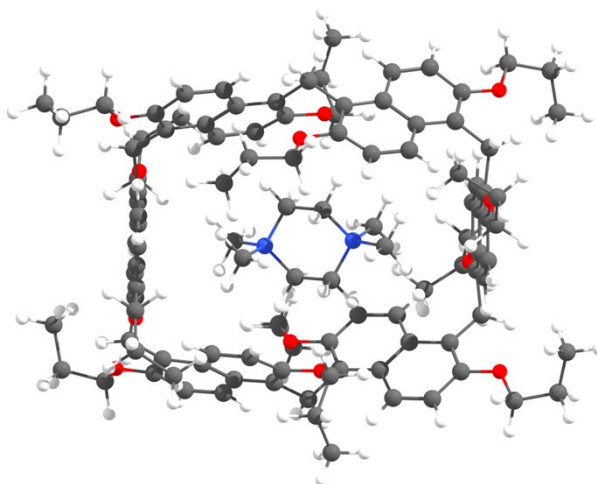


Figure S81. DFT-optimized structure (B97D3/SVP/SVPFIT) of the $7^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr}$ complex.

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C	-1.36205600	6.00715800	4.04384000
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Atomic coordinates of $5^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr}$ complex.

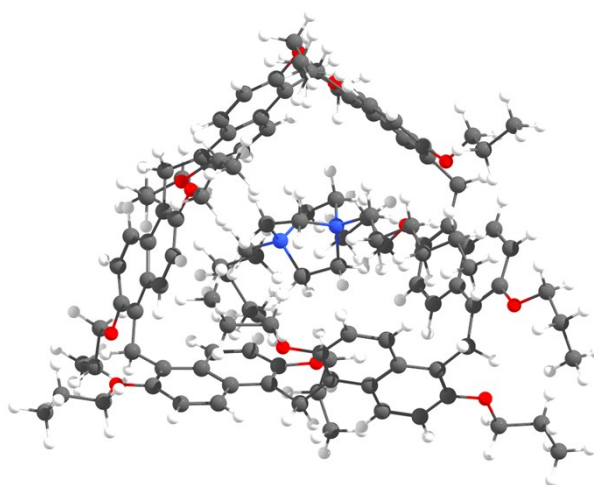


Figure S82. DFT-optimized structure (B97D3/SVP/SVPFIT) of the $5^{2+}@PrS[6]^{nPr}$ complex.

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H	6.83801400	-3.85624000	-1.16007400
O	2.43265800	1.72732500	-3.02565900
O	8.11773500	-2.27937000	0.48003900
C	1.36638800	1.23422800	-3.83436300
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H	0.76585500	0.48990300	-3.26348000
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C	4.73562800	-4.14709300	-1.01412000
C	4.70290700	-4.79495500	-2.25750100
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C	3.56527300	-3.53071000	1.08679300
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Atomic coordinates of $5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}$ complex.

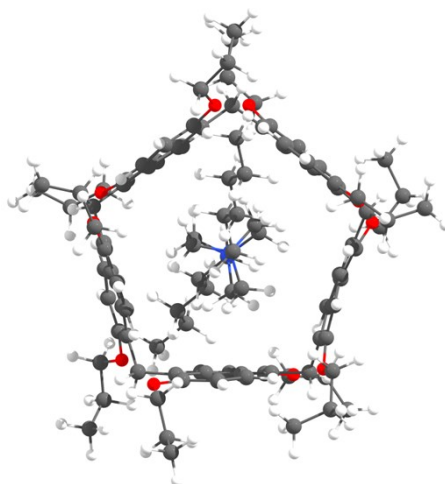


Figure S83. DFT-optimized structure (B97D3/SVP/SVPFIT) of the $5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}$ complex.

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Atomic coordinates of $7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}$ complex

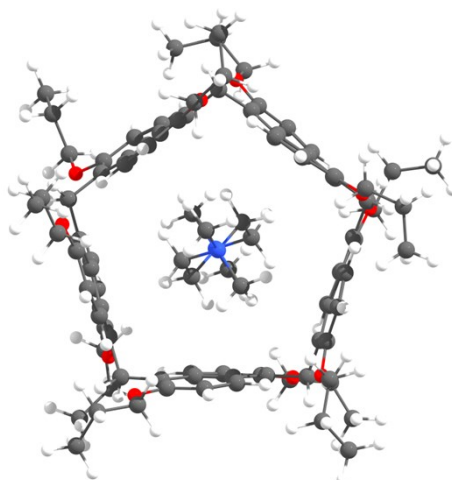


Figure S84. DFT-optimized structures (B97D3/SVP/SVPPFIT) of the $7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}$ complex.

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NBO and NCI analysis

Natural bond orbital (NBO) studies were performed with NBO 3.1 version implemented in Gaussian 16 and second-order perturbation theory analysis was performed on optimized structures using the B97D3/SVP/SVPFIT level of theory. The non-covalent interaction (NCI) investigations were carried out with the Multiwfn program¹³ and its plot was graphed with VMD program.¹⁴

Plots describe the RDG values versus the electron density multiplied by the sign of the second Hessian eigenvalue ($s = 0.5$ a.u.; left) and gradient isosurfaces ($s = 0.4$ a.u.; right) for the complexes. The coloring scheme was chosen to assist in distinguishing the amplitude of the electron density corresponding to different types of interactions. Marked in green color represent medium-strong (cation $\cdots\pi$, Van der Waals and C-H $\cdots\pi$) interactions whereas the red color represents the repulsive ones.

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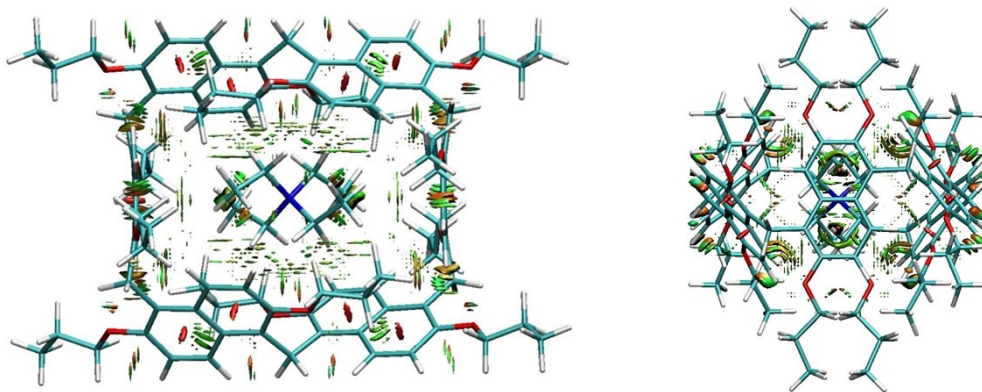


Figure S85. Gradient RDG isosurfaces (0.5) for the noncovalent interaction (NCI) regions in $6^+ @ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ complexes.

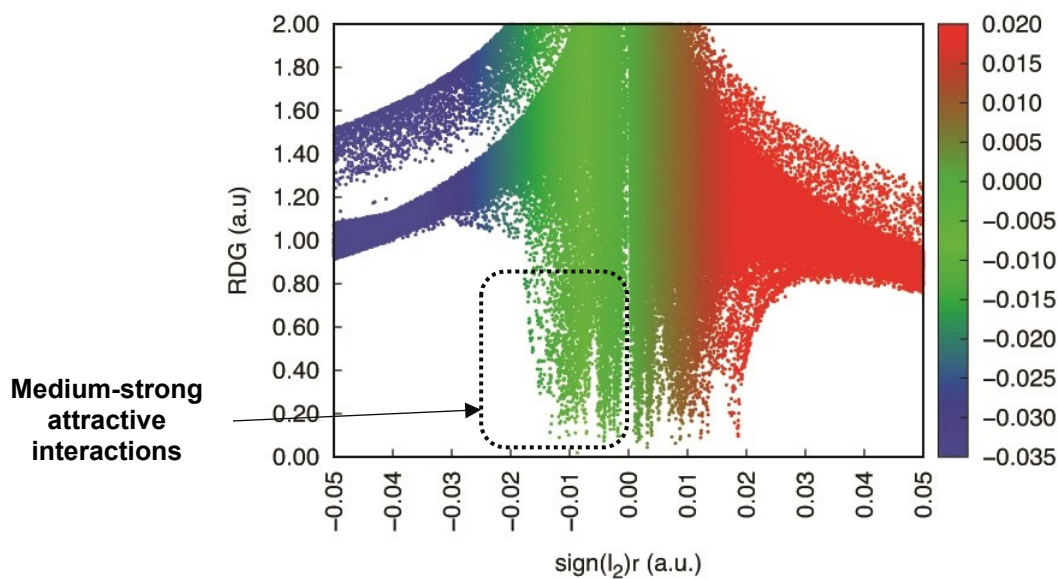


Figure S86. Plot of RDG versus $\text{sign}(I_2)r$ for $6^+ @ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ complex (NCI-RDG isosurfaces with $S = 0.5$).

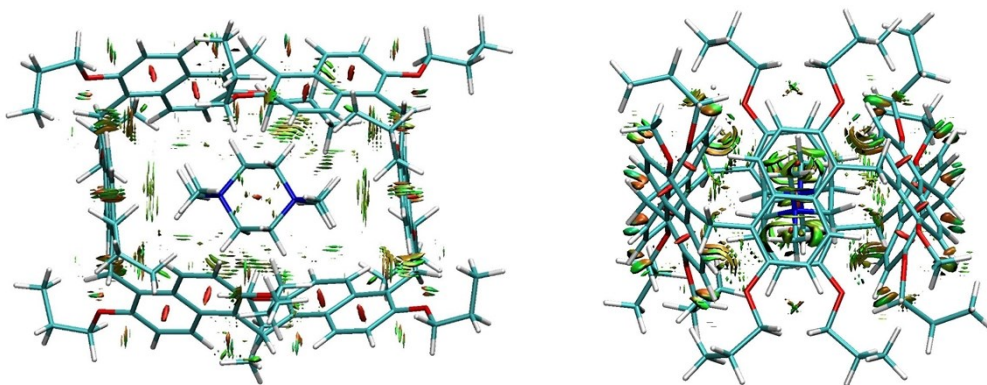


Figure S87. Gradient RDG isosurfaces (0.5) for the noncovalent interaction (NCI) regions in $7^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ complexes.

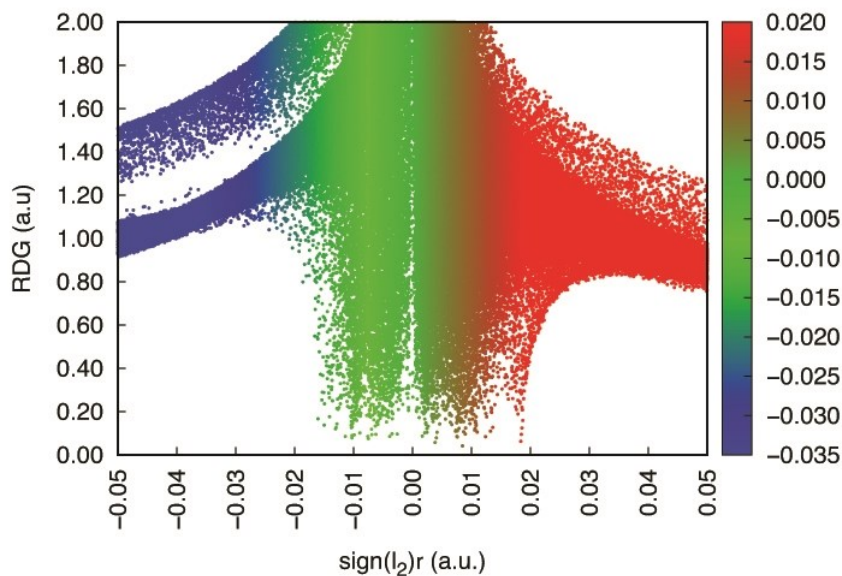


Figure S88. Plot of RDG versus $\text{sign}(I_2)r$ for $7^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ complex (NCI-RDG isosurfaces with $S = 0.5$).

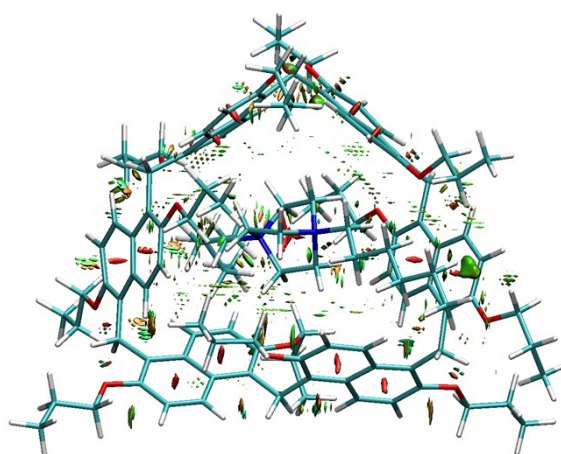


Figure S89. Gradient RDG isosurfaces (0.5) for the noncovalent interaction (NCI) regions in $5^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ complexes.

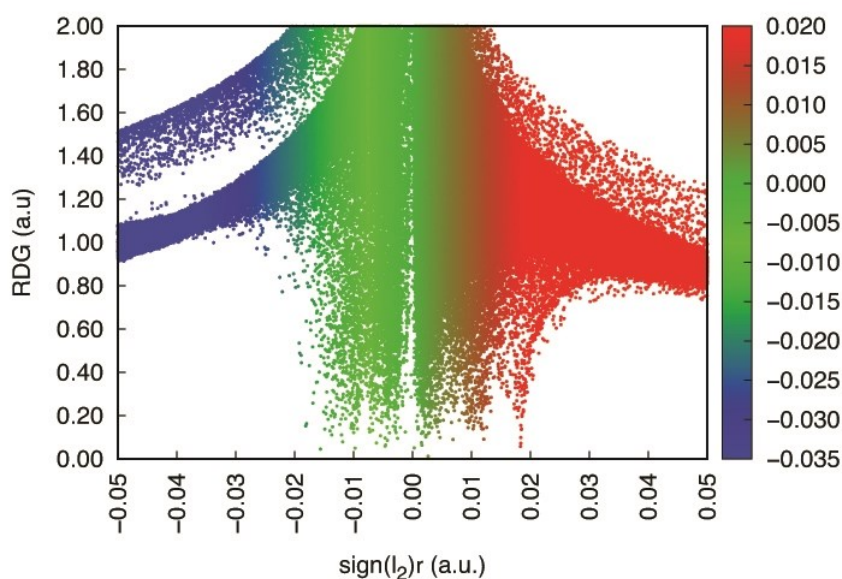


Figure S90. Plot of RDG versus $\text{sign}(I_2)r$ for $5^{2+} @ \text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ complex (NCI-RDG isosurfaces with $S = 0.5$).

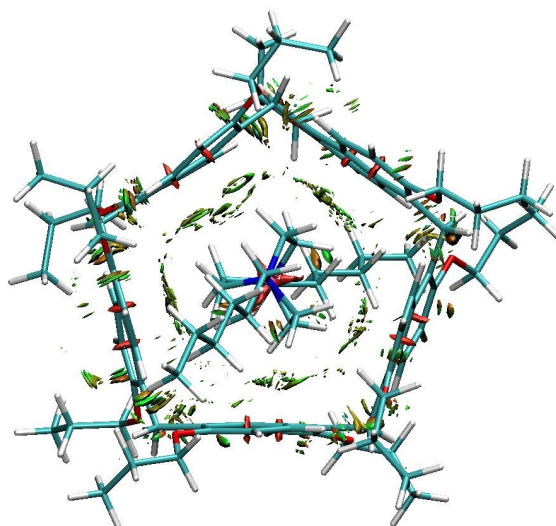


Figure S91. Gradient RDG isosurfaces (0.5) for the noncovalent interaction (NCI) regions in $5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}$ complexes.

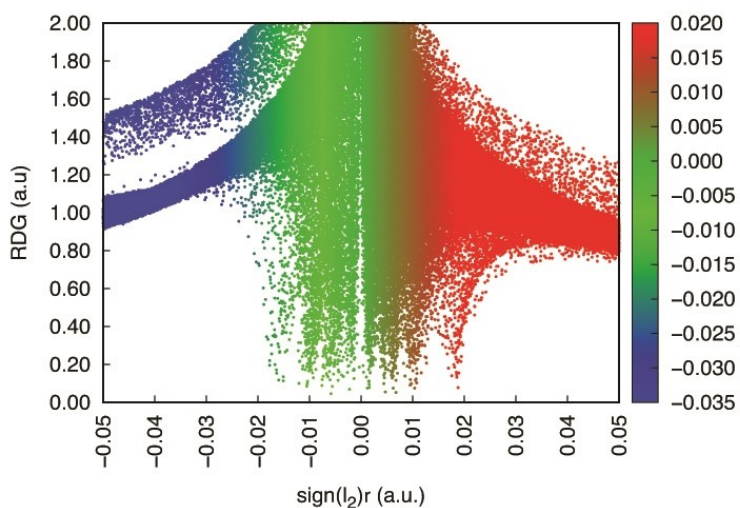


Figure S92. Plot of RDG versus $sign(I_2)r$ for $5^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}$ complex (NCI-RDG isosurfaces with $S = 0.5$).

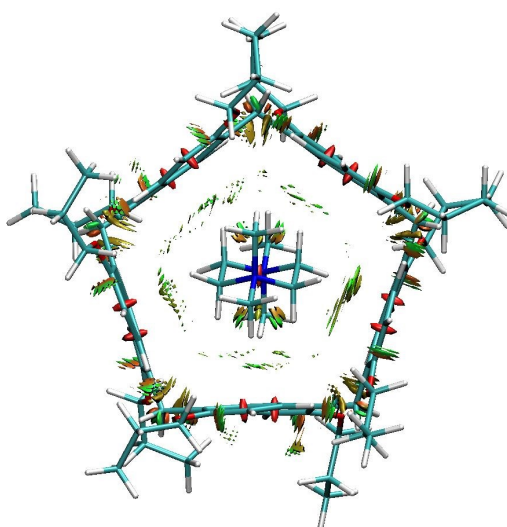


Figure S93. Gradient RDG isosurfaces (0.5) for the noncovalent interaction (NCI) regions in $7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{nPr}$ complexes.

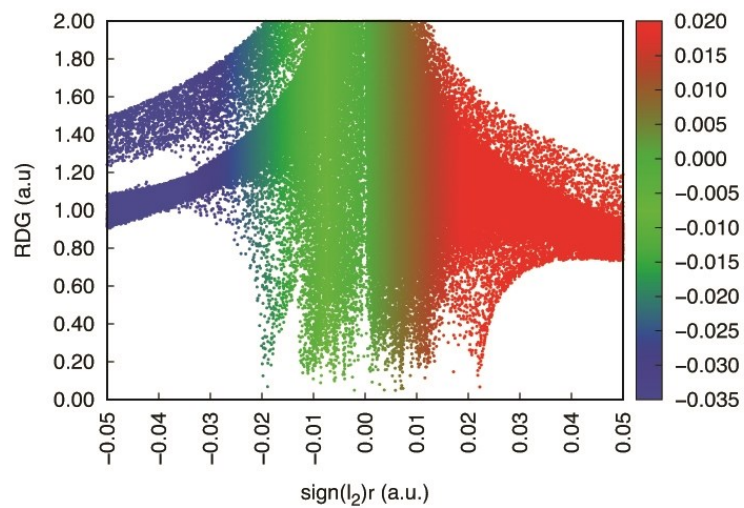


Figure S94. Plot of RDG versus $\text{sign}(I_2)r$ for 7^{2+} @ $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$ complex (NCI-RDG isosurfaces with $S = 0.5$).

Determination of crystallographic structures of prismarenes: $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$, $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$, $\text{PrS}[6]^{Et}$ and $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ and prismarenes host-guest complexes: $7@PrS[5]^{Me}\cdot(\text{BArF})_2$, $10@PrS[5]^{Me}\cdot\text{BArF}$ and $6@PrS[6]^{Me}\cdot\text{BArF}$

Single crystals suitable for X-ray investigations were obtained by slow evaporation of solutions containing the molecules, using various solvents: ethyl acetate/dichloromethane for $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$; methanol/dichloromethane for $\text{PrS}[5]^{nPr}$ and $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$; hexane/dichloromethane for $\text{PrS}[6]^{Et}$ and for the host-guest complexes $7@PrS[5]^{Me}\cdot(\text{BArF})_2$, $10@PrS[5]^{Me}\cdot\text{BArF}$ and $6@PrS[6]^{Me}\cdot\text{BArF}$. Data collection was carried out at the Macromolecular crystallography XRD1 beamline of the Elettra synchrotron (Trieste, Italy), employing the rotating-crystal method with a Dectris Pilatus 2M area detector. Single crystals were dipped in paratone cryoprotectant, mounted on a nylon loop and flash-frozen under a nitrogen stream at a 100 K. Diffraction data were indexed and integrated using the XDS package,¹⁵ while scaling was carried out with XSCALE.¹⁶ The anisotropic X-ray diffraction pattern of $6@PrS[6]^{Me}\cdot\text{BArF}$ crystal was scaled using UCLA-DOE LAB - Diffraction Anisotropy Server.¹⁷ Structures were solved using the SHELXT program¹⁸ and structure refinement was performed with SHELXL-18/3,¹⁹ operating through the WinGX GUI,²⁰ by full-matrix least-squares (FMLS) methods on F^2 . Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, with the exception of some disordered groups. Details of the treatment of disorder in each structure are described below. Hydrogen atoms were added at the calculated positions and refined using the riding model. Crystallographic data and refinement details are reported in **Table S5** and **S6**.

$\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$

The asymmetric unit of the triclinic crystals of $\text{PrS}[5]^{Et}$ ($P -1$) contains two P5E molecules and two co-crystallized ethyl acetate solvent molecules. In each independent molecule two ethyl groups show two-position disorder with 0.6/0.4 and 0.7/0.3 partial occupations. For three ethyl groups the disorder mainly involved the terminal methyl groups, while in one case the disorder involves the methylene carbon. In order to consider the position disorder of the hydrogen atoms, the methylene carbon atoms of the former three groups and the methyl carbon atom of the latter group were split and constrained with the EXYZ and EADP instructions. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The structure was refined as a 2-component non-merohedral twin. The twin law $(-1, 0, 0; -0.931, 1, -0.112; 0, 0, -1)$, which corresponds to a two-fold axis about the $[-1 \ 2 \ 0]$ direct lattice direction, were detected with PLATON TwinRotMat. The fraction of overlapped reflections was calculated as 30%. The refinement as a 2-component twin with HKLF 5 card significantly

¹⁵ W. Kabsch *Acta Crystallogr.* 2010, **D66**, 125-132.

¹⁶ W. Kabsch *Acta Crystallogr.* 2010, **D66**, 133-144.

¹⁷ M. Strong, M.R. Sawaya, S. Wang, M. Phillips, D. Cascio, D. Eisenberg *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA.* 2006, **103**, 8060-8065.

¹⁸ G. M. Sheldrick *Acta Crystallogr.* 2015, **A71**, 3-8

¹⁹ G. M. Sheldrick *Acta Crystallogr.* 2008, **A64**, 112-122.

²⁰ L. J. Farrugia *J. Appl. Cryst.* 2012, **45**, 849-854.

reduced the R-factor: The R_1 factor decreased by 0.067. The refined BASF factor is 0.32.

PrS[5]^{nPr}

The asymmetric unit of the monoclinic crystals of **PrS[5]^{nPr}** ($P 2_1/c$) contains one **PrS[5]^{nPr}** molecule only. No co-crystallized solvent molecules are present. The structure exhibits no significant disorder and all atoms were refined at full occupation, with all non-hydrogen atoms refined anisotropically.

PrS[6]^{Et}

The asymmetric unit of the triclinic crystals of **PrS[6]^{Et}** ($P -1$) contains two **PrS[6]^{Et}** molecules and approximately 1.775 co-crystallized dichloromethane solvent molecules (vide infra). Both crystallographically independent molecules show two-position disorder of one ethyl group, which was refined at 0.5/0.5 partial occupancies in both cases. In one case, the disorder mainly involved the terminal methyl group, while in the other it involves the entire fragment. In order to consider the position disorder of the hydrogen atoms, the methylene carbon atom in the former case was split and constrained with the EXYZ and EADP instructions. The carbon atom sites with partial occupancy were refined isotropically. The crystal structure shows the presence of highly disordered co-crystallized solvent dichloromethane molecules in voids present in the crystal packing. The PLATON SQUEEZE procedure was used to remove the electron density related to these highly disordered dichloromethane molecules.²¹ The residual electron density of 299 electrons/cell in a total potential solvent area volume of 1249 Å³ (15.46% of the cell volume) can be attributed to 7.1 dichloromethane solvent molecules.

PrS[6]^{nPr}

The asymmetric unit of the monoclinic crystals of **PrS[6]^{nPr}** ($C 2/c$) contains half **PrS[6]^{nPr}** molecule and a disordered co-crystallized toluene solvent molecule at 0.5 of occupancy factor. Both lie on crystallographic two-fold axes. The **PrS[6]^{nPr}** molecule exhibits no significant disorder, while the toluene molecule exhibits a two positions disorder related by crystallographic symmetry. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The anisotropic thermal factors of toluene carbon atoms were restrained with the ISOR and SIMU instructions. The structure was refined as a 2-component twin. The twin law (-1, 0, 0; 0, -1, 0; 0.866, 0, 1), which corresponds to a two-fold axis about the [2 0 5] direct lattice direction, were detected with PLATON TwinRotMat. The fraction of overlapped reflections was calculated as 32%. The refinement as a 2-component twin with HKLF 5 card significantly reduced the R-factor: The R_1 factor decreased by 0,062, with a refined BASF factor of 0.37.

7@PrS[5]^{Me}·(BArF)₂

²¹ A. L. Spek, *Acta Crystallogr. Sect. D Biol. Crystallogr.* 2009, **65**, 148–155.

The asymmetric unit of the monoclinic crystals of **7@PrS[5]^{Me}·(BArF)₂** (*P* 2/*c*) contains a half **7²⁺@PrS[5]^{Me}** host-guest complex, one BArF counter ion and a disordered co-crystallized CH₂Cl₂ solvent molecule at 0.35 occupancy. The host-guest complex lies on a crystallographic two-fold axis. This symmetry axis passes through a methylene bridging atom and the center of the opposite naphthalene ring of the **PrS[5]^{Me}** host. The **7²⁺** guest ion is statistically disordered over two positions related by this crystallographic symmetry operation; while the C2 symmetric **PrS[5]^{Me}** host exhibits no significant disorder. The BArF counter ion, located in a general position, exhibits a rotational disorder of two CF₃ groups. Finally, a CH₂Cl₂ solvent molecule is positioned close to a two-fold axis with 0.35 occupancy.

10@PrS[5]^{Me}·BArF

The asymmetric unit of the centrosymmetric triclinic crystals of **10@PrS[5]^{Me}·BArF** contains two **10⁺@PrS[5]^{Me}** host-guest complexes, two BArF counter ion and approximately 1.1 co-crystallized, disordered dichloromethane solvent molecules (*vide infra*). The structure was refined as a 4-component twin. The twin laws (-1, 0, 0.3; 0, -1, 0.3; 0, 0, 1), (0, 1, -0.3; 1, 0, -0.3; 0, 0, -1) and (0, -1, 0; -1, 0, 0; 0, 0, -1) which correspond to two-fold axes about the [0 0 1], [3 3 -1] and [1 -1 0] direct lattice directions, respectively, were detected with PLATON TwinRotMat. The fraction of overlapped reflections was calculated as about 40% for each of these three twin components. The refinement as a 4-component twin with HKLF 5 card significantly reduced the R-factor: The R₁ factor decreased by 0.061, with refined BASF factors of 0.279, 0.008 and 0.013, respectively. The crystal structure also shows the presence of highly disordered co-crystallized solvent dichloromethane molecules in voids present in the crystal packing. The PLATON SQUEEZE procedure was used to remove the electron density related to these highly disordered dichloromethane molecules. The residual electron density of 185 electrons/cell in a total potential solvent area volume of 1812 Å³ (17.68% of the cell volume) can be attributed to 4.4 dichloromethane solvent molecules. The anisotropic thermal factors of non-H atoms were refined with the restraint cards ISOR_* and SIMU_* because of the low reflections/parameters ratio.

6@PrS[6]^{Me}·BArF

The asymmetric unit of the orthorhombic crystals of **6@PrS[6]^{Me}·BArF** (*Cmca*) contains a half **6⁺@PrS[6]^{Me}** host-guest complex, one BArF counter ion with 0.5 occupancy and approximately 3.575 co-crystallized, highly disordered dichloromethane solvent molecules (*vide infra*). The host-guest complex lies on a crystallographic two-fold axis. This symmetry axis passes through the centers of two opposite naphthalene rings of the **PrS[6]^{Me}** host. The **6⁺** guest ion, located on the two-fold axis, show a statistical disorder of two methylene C atoms, while the C2 symmetric **PrS[6]^{Me}** host exhibits no significant disorder. The BArF counter ion across a mirror plane and it is severely disordered. This was isotropically refined using geometrical restraints. The crystal structure also shows the presence of highly disordered, co-crystallized solvent dichloromethane molecules in voids present in the crystal packing. The PLATON SQUEEZE procedure was used to remove the electron density related to these highly disordered solvent molecules. The residual electron density of 1201 electrons/cell in a total potential solvent area volume of 8247 Å³ (29.70% of the cell volume) can be attributed to 28.6 dichloromethane solvent molecules. The anisotropic thermal factors of the non-H atoms of the host-guest complex were refined with the restraint cards

ISOR and SIMU because of the low reflections/parameters ratio.

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for prismarenes: **PrS[5]^{Et}**, **PrS[5]^{nPr}**, **PrS[6]^{Et}** and **PrS[6]^{nPr}**.

	PrS[5]^{Et}	PrS[5]^{nPr}	PrS[6]^{Et}	PrS[6]^{nPr}
Empirical formula	C ₇₅ H ₈₀ O ₁₀ , C ₄ H ₈ O ₂	C ₈₅ H ₁₀₀ O ₁₀	C ₉₀ H ₉₆ O ₁₂ , 1.775 (CH ₂ Cl ₂)	C ₁₀₂ H ₁₂₀ O ₁₂ , C ₇ H ₈
Formula weight	1229.49	1281.64	1520.41	1630.11
Temperature (K)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c	<i>P</i> -1	<i>C</i> 2/c
Unit cell dimensions (Å, °)	<i>a</i> = 16.42(8) <i>b</i> = 20.342(12) <i>c</i> = 21.545(17) α = 83.045(14) β = 80.54(8) γ = 67.32(11)	<i>a</i> = 10.909(5) <i>b</i> = 34.548(3) <i>c</i> = 18.627(1) β = 91.334(6)	<i>a</i> = 19.356(8) <i>b</i> = 19.428(5) <i>c</i> = 21.732(4) α = 96.664(4) β = 90.158(18) γ = 95.38(2)	<i>a</i> = 13.308(9) <i>b</i> = 30.108(18) <i>c</i> = 23.23(3) β = 104.36(16)
Volume (Å ³)	6540(30)	7018(3)	8081(4)	9017(14)
Z	4	4	4	4
ρ_{calcd} (g/cm ³)	1.249	1.213	1.25	1.201
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.079	0.075	0.191	0.076
F(000)	2632	2760	3226	3512
Reflections collected	96777	121074	88777	20991
Indep. Reflections	31258	20580	25663	6384
restraints/parameters	0/1705	0/867	0/1861	84/569
GooF	1.017	1.093	1.027	1.036
Final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0962 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2623	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0762 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1869	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0684 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1895	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0912 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2549
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.145 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.3057	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0999 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2038	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0987 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2133	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.1362 <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2983
CCDC code	2025594	2025589	2025583	2025585

Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement for the prismarene host-guest complexes **7@PrS[5]^{Me-}(BArF)₂**, **10@PrS[5]^{Me-}BArF**, and **6@PrS[6]^{Me-}BArF**.

	7@PrS[5]^{Me-}(BArF)₂	10@PrS[5]^{Me-}BArF	6@PrS[6]^{Me-}BArF
Empirical formula	C ₆₅ H ₆₀ O ₁₀ , C ₈ H ₂ ON ₂ , 2(C ₃₂ H ₁₂ BF ₂₄), 0.7(CH ₂ Cl ₂)	C ₆₅ H ₆₀ O ₁₀ , C ₄ H ₁₂ N, C ₃₂ H ₁₂ BF ₂₄ , 1.1(CH ₂ Cl ₂)	C ₇₈ H ₇₂ O ₁₂ , C ₈ H ₂₀ N, C ₃₂ H ₁₂ BF ₂₄ , 3.575(CH ₂ Cl ₂)
Formula weight	2931.28	20131.92	2498.44
Temperature (K)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.7	0.7	0.7
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	C 2/c	P -1	C m c a
Unit cell dimensions (Å, °)	a = 38.56(3) b = 17.306(2) c = 22.875(7) β = 120.862(15)	a = 21.686(11) b = 22.528(10) c = 22.906(7) α = 81.367(6) β = 80.862(14) γ = 68.83(3)	a = 34.824(14) b = 30.10(3) c = 26.489(7)
Volume (Å ³)	13105(11)	10251(8)	27770(30)
Z	4	4	8
ρ calcd (g/cm ³)	1.486	1.317	1.195
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.158	0.163	0.225
F(000)	5966	4177	10289
Reflections collected	121183	82571	79718
Indep. Reflections	19594	23532	6110
restraints/parameters	0/ 998	3486/2470	804/644
Goof	1.029	1.197	1.607
Final R indices	R ₁ = 0.0646	R ₁ = 0.1565	R ₁ = 0.1760
[I > 2σ(I)]	wR ₂ = 0.1691	wR ₂ = 0.3939	wR ₂ = 0.4399
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0959 wR ₂ = 0.202	R ₁ = 0.2416 wR ₂ = 0.4607	R ₁ = 0.1959 wR ₂ = 0.4581
CCDC code	2050614	2050617	2050618

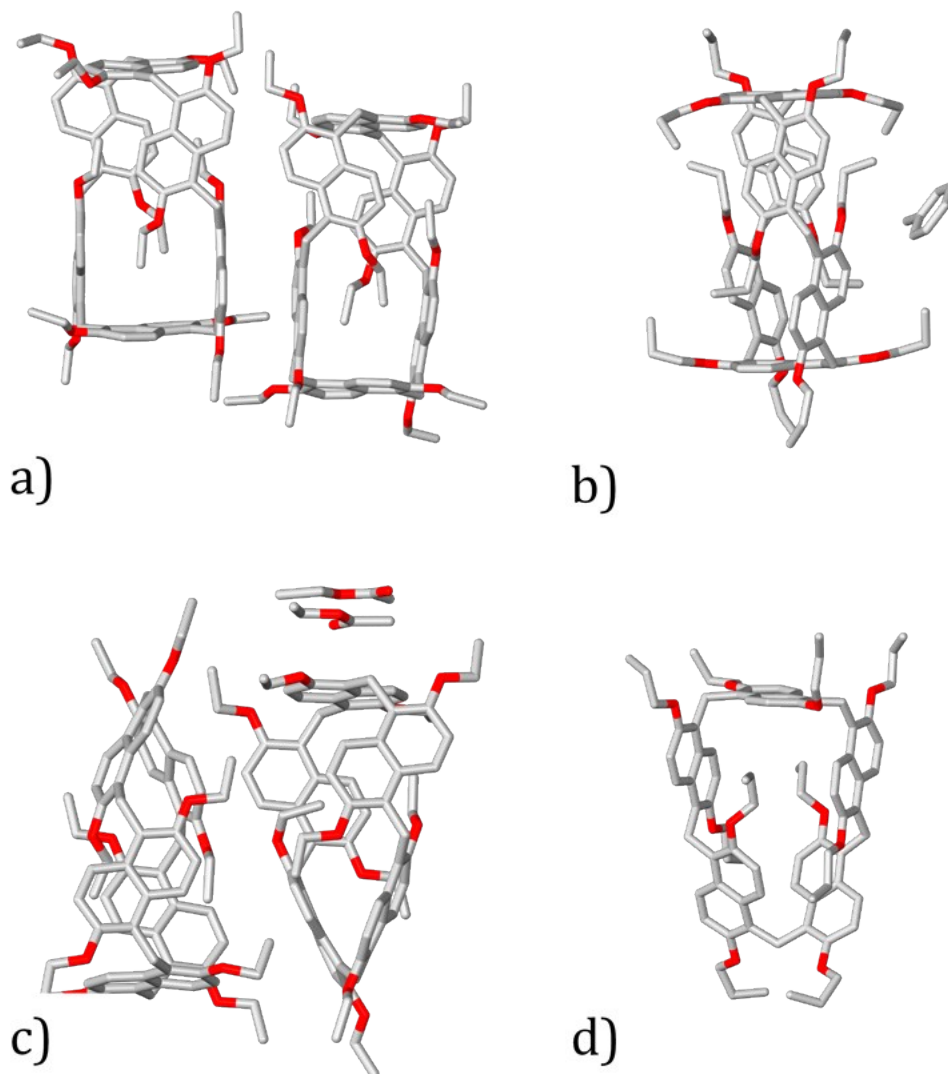


Figure S95. (a-d) Stick representation of the asymmetric units of a) $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{Et}}$, b) $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{nPr}}$, c) $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{Et}}$ and d) $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{nPr}}$. Hydrogen atoms and one orientation of the disordered alkyl groups and toluene molecule are omitted for clarity. For $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{nPr}}$ the entire molecule generated by a crystallographic two-fold axis is shown.

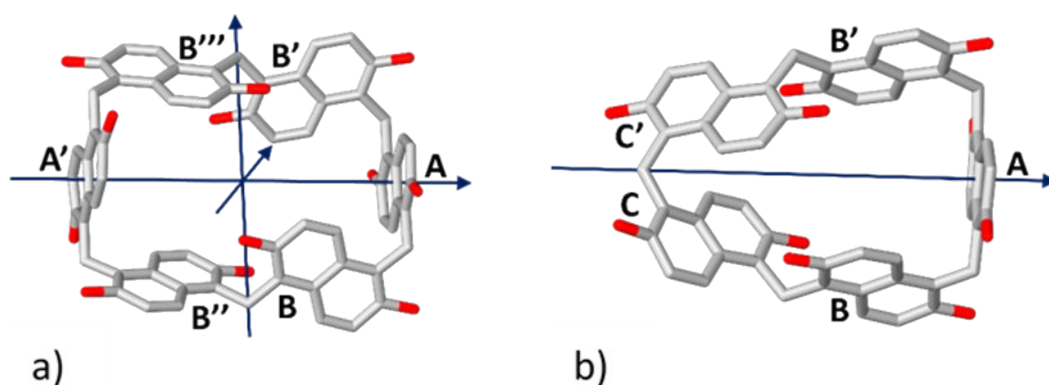


Figure S96. (a-b) Stick representation of (a) the C_2 symmetric $\text{PrS}[5]^{\text{R}}$ and (b) the D_2 symmetric $\text{PrS}[6]^{\text{R}}$ scaffolds. The pseudo two-fold symmetry axes are represented with arrows. The alkyl groups are omitted for clarity.

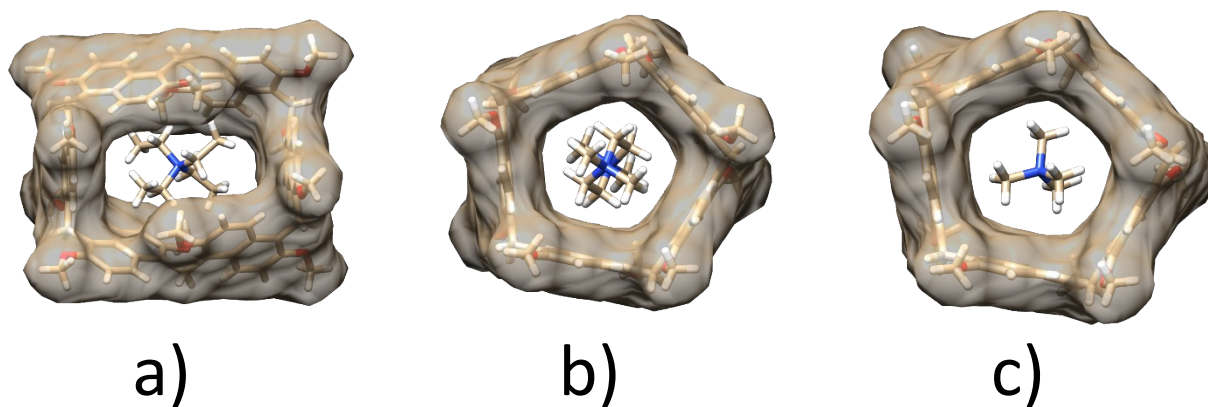


Figure S97. X-ray structural models of the host-guest complexes $6^+@PrS[6]^{Me}$, $7^{2+}@PrS[5]^{Me}$ and $10^+@PrS[5]^{Me}$. The transparent van der Waals surface of the host is shown to illustrate the effective cavities of the prismarens. The counter-ions, solvent and disordered guest atoms are omitted for clarity.

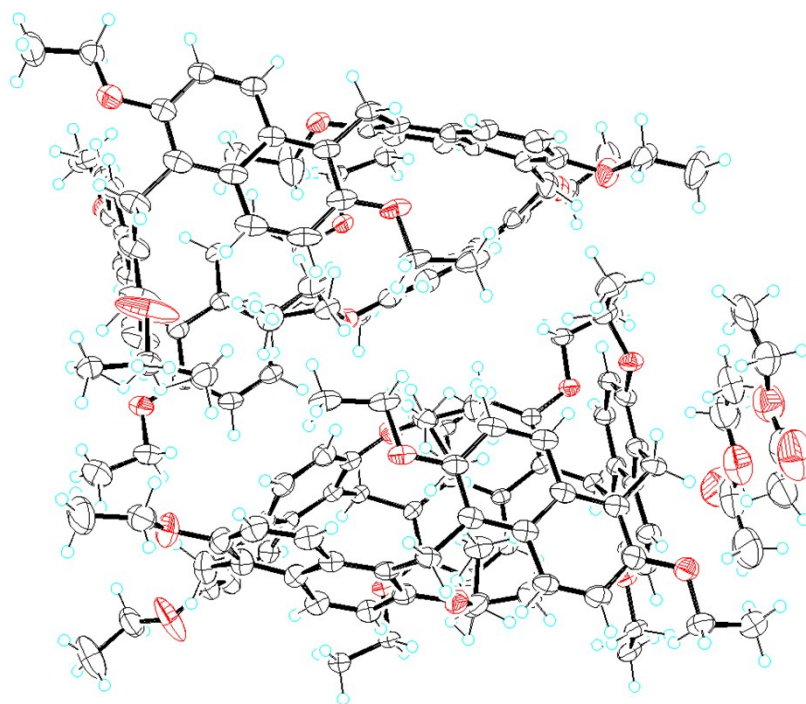


Figure S98. ORTEP drawing of $PrS[5]^{Et}$ (thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level).

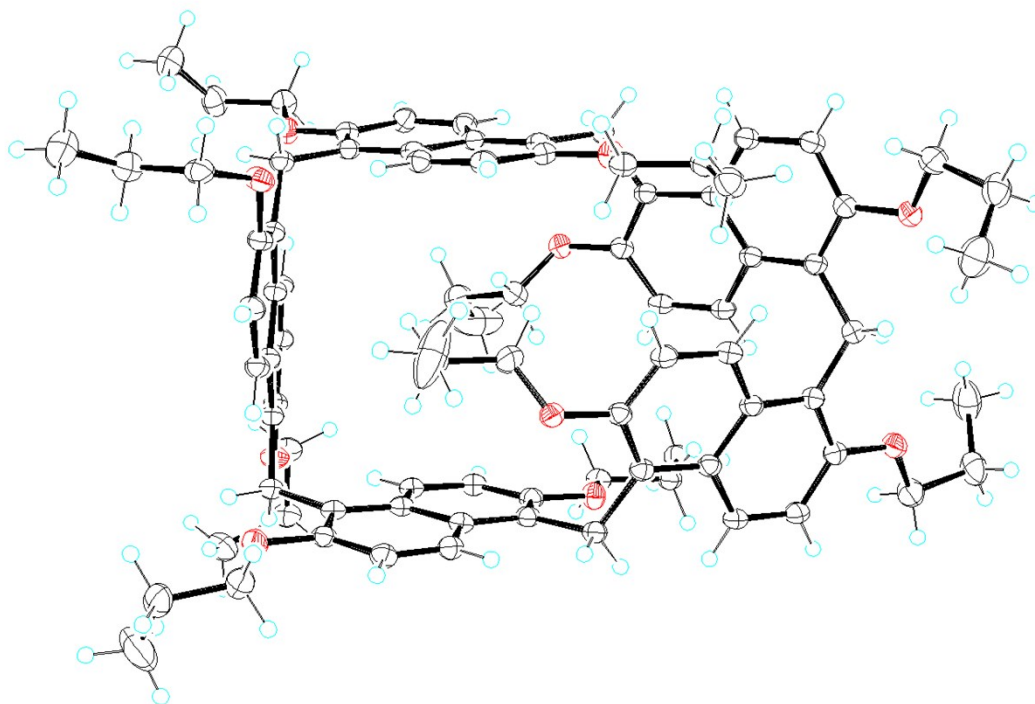


Figure S99. ORTEP drawing of **PrS[5]^{nPr}** (thermal *ellipsoids* at the 50% probability level).

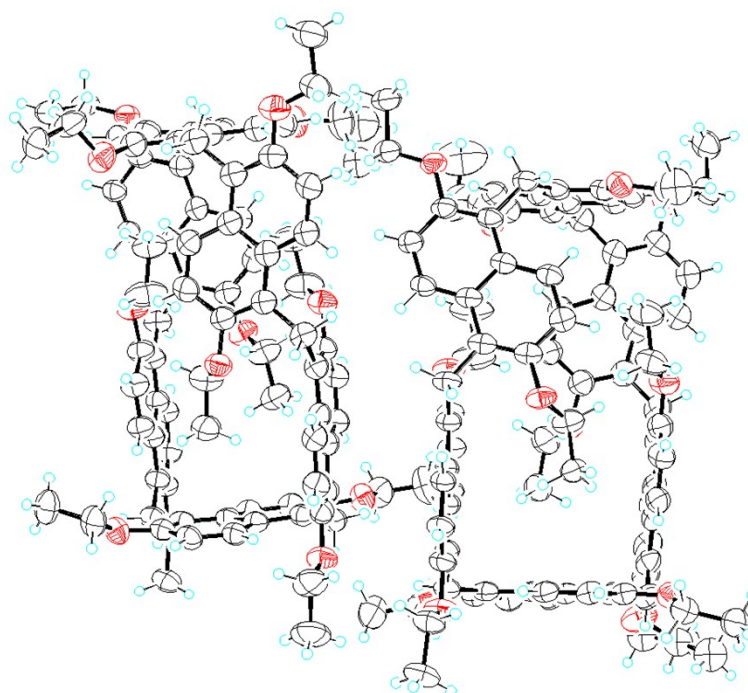


Figure S100. ORTEP drawing of **PrS[6]^{Et}** (thermal *ellipsoids* at the 50% probability level).

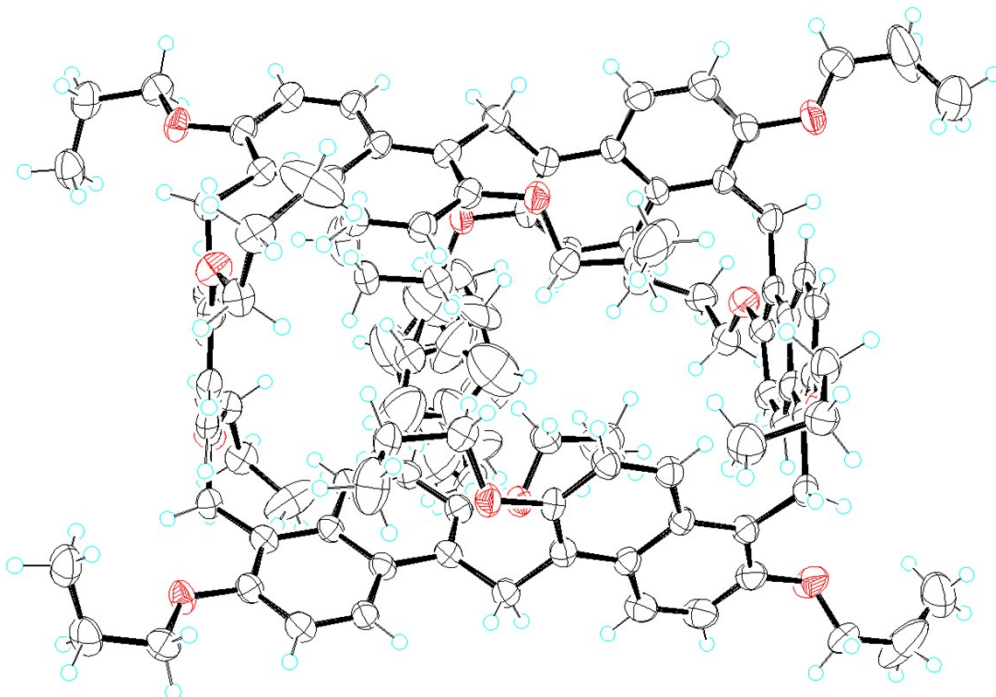


Figure S101. ORTEP drawing of $\text{PrS}[6]^{nPr}$ (thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level).

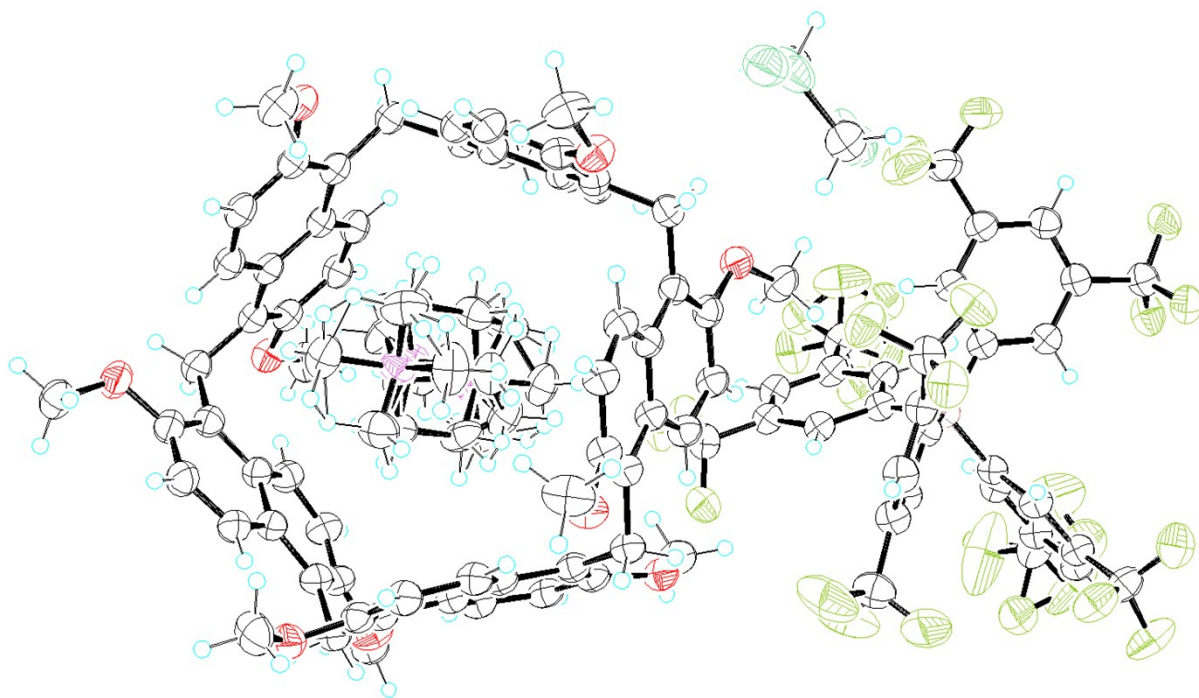


Figure S102. ORTEP drawing of $7@PrS[5]^{Me} \cdot (\text{BARF})_2$ (thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level).

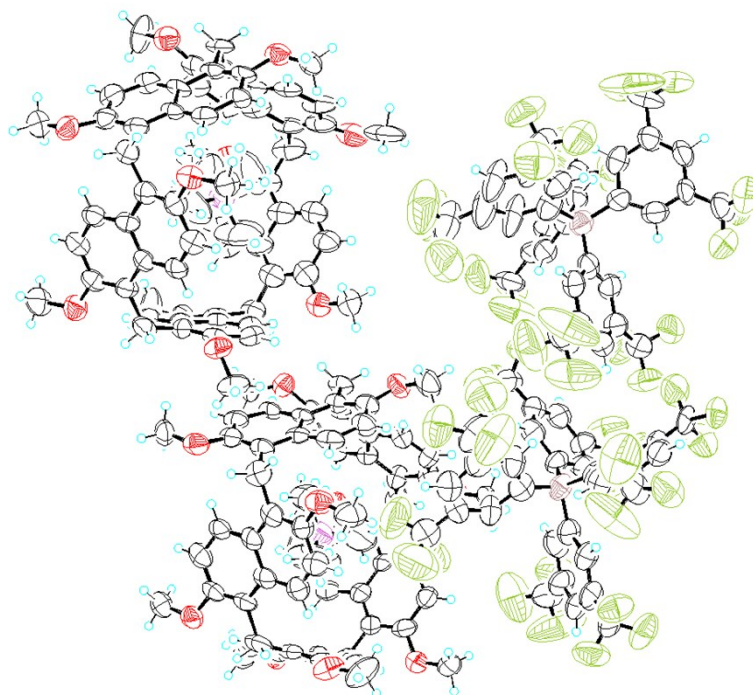


Figure S103. ORTEP drawing of **10@PrS[5]^{Me}-BArF** (thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level).

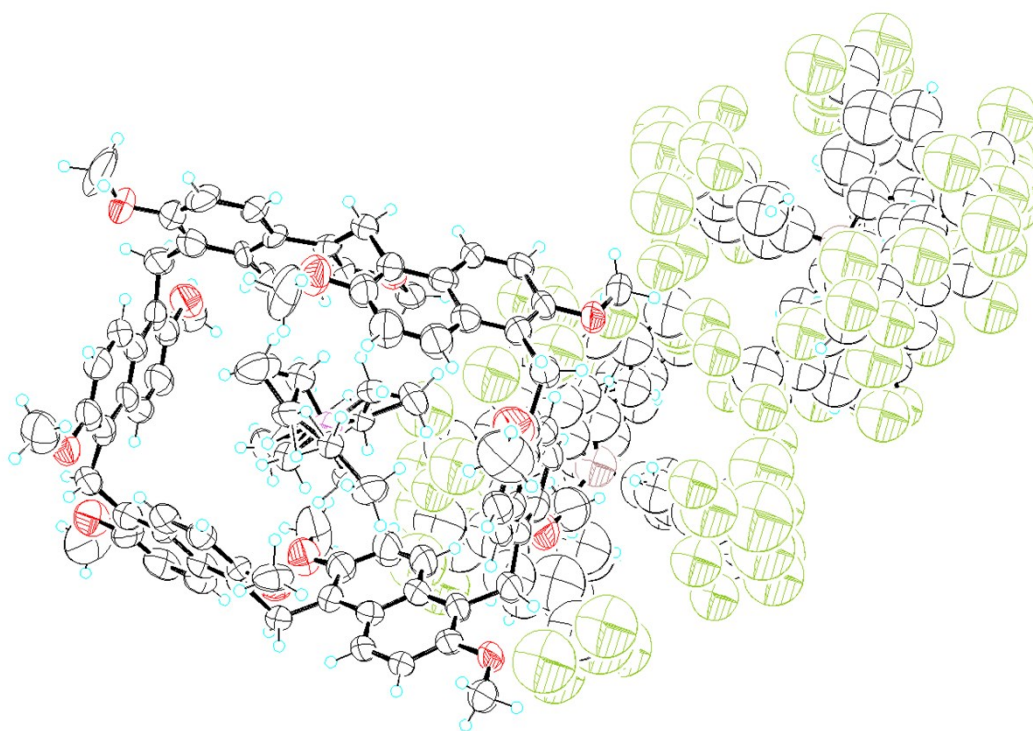


Figure S104. ORTEP drawing of **6@PrS[6]^{Me}-BArF** (thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level).

Table S5. Dihedral canting angles between the naphthalene planes and the mean planes of the bridging methylene carbon atoms, observed in the crystal structures of **PrS[5]^R** and **PrS[6]^R**. Considering an arbitrary “up-side” of the macro-ring, dihedral angles greater than 90° correspond to outward orientations of the plane with respect to this up-side and vice-versa. For the labelling scheme see Figure S89.

	A	B	B'	C	C'
PrS[5]^{Et}	90.13(8)	71.13(8)	108.30(8)	140.82(13)	39.15(13)
*	90.35(9)	70.78(8)	110.59(8)	141.81(13)	36.77(14)
PrS[5]^{nPr}	91.03(3)	65.89(3)	113.58(3)	139.93(3)	41.14(3)
α-PrS[5]^{Me}	95.56(2)	63.97(2)	108.11(2)	132.35(2)	56.37(4)
β-PrS[5]^{Me}	94.36(1)	65.28(2)	109.53(2)	132.37(1)	53.68(1)
γ-PrS[5]^{Me}	90.00(2)	99.72(2)	80.28(2)	60.32(2)	119.68(2)
7²⁺@PrS[5]^{Me}	90.00(4)	86.80(4)	93.20(4)	91.29(4)	88.71(4)
10⁺@PrS[5]^{Me}	89.88(21)	89.00(19)	90.88(17)	92.97(16)	89.41(18)
*	89.43(21)	89.13(19)	90.45(17)	91.30(22)	89.47(20)

	A	B	B'	B''	B'''	A'
PrS[6]^{Et}	90.28(5)	43.41(5)	128.30(5)	137.97(6)	39.24(6)	88.46(5)
*	90.00(5)	37.58(6)	136.00(4)	140.14(6)	41.88(6)	89.48(5)
PrS[6]^{nPr}	90.00(8)	42.60(8)	137.40(8)	135.47(8)	44.53(8)	90.00(8)
6⁺@PrS[6]^{Me}	90.0(3)	58.1(3)	121.9(3)	122.9(3)	57.1(3)	90.0(3)

* Dihedral angles of the second crystallographic independent molecule.

Table S6. Interior dihedral angles between the naphthalene planes observed in the crystal structures of **PrS[5]^R** and **PrS[6]^R**. For the labelling scheme see Figure S89

	A-B	B-C	C-C'	C'-B'	B'-A
PrS[5]^{Et}	91.62(8)	101.92(13)	46.54(15)	100.70(13)	94.84(8)
*	90.56(9)	109.97(14)	43.61(14)	98.07(14)	93.32(8)
PrS[5]^{nPr}	94.87(4)	94.90(3)	50.21(4)	98.70(4)	91.88(5)
α-PrS[5]^{Me}	91.61(2)	100.32(3)	64.74(3)	108.46(3)	98.06(2)
β-PrS[5]^{Me}	89.82(2)	101.94(2)	65.56(3)	101.62(2)	101.55(2)
γ-PrS[5]^{Me}	111.36(2)	90.86(2)	102.34(2)	90.86(2)	111.36(2)
7²⁺@PrS[5]^{Me}	107.05(5)	110.48(5)	104.62(5)	110.48(5)	107.05(5)
10⁺@PrS[5]^{Me}	111.0(2)	103.1(3)	113.7(3)	102.0(3)	110.1(3)
*	113.5(4)	102.1(3)	110.2(2)	110.5(3)	103.6(3)

	A-B	B-B''	B''-A'	A'-B'''	B'''-B'	B'-A
PrS[6]^{Et}	91.63(7)	85.31(7)	93.76(7)	90.26(6)	89.44(7)	95.58(6)
*	91.58(7)	77.42(8)	91.13(7)	95.31(6)	85.77(6)	90.70(7)
PrS[6]^{nPr}	94.97(17)	86.54(17)	96.23(16)	93.56(17)	83.77(16)	94.97(17)
6⁺@PrS[6]^{Me}	105.2(3)	107.8(3)	103.1(3)	103.1(3)	107.8(3)	105.2(3)

* Dihedral angles of the second crystallographic independent molecule.

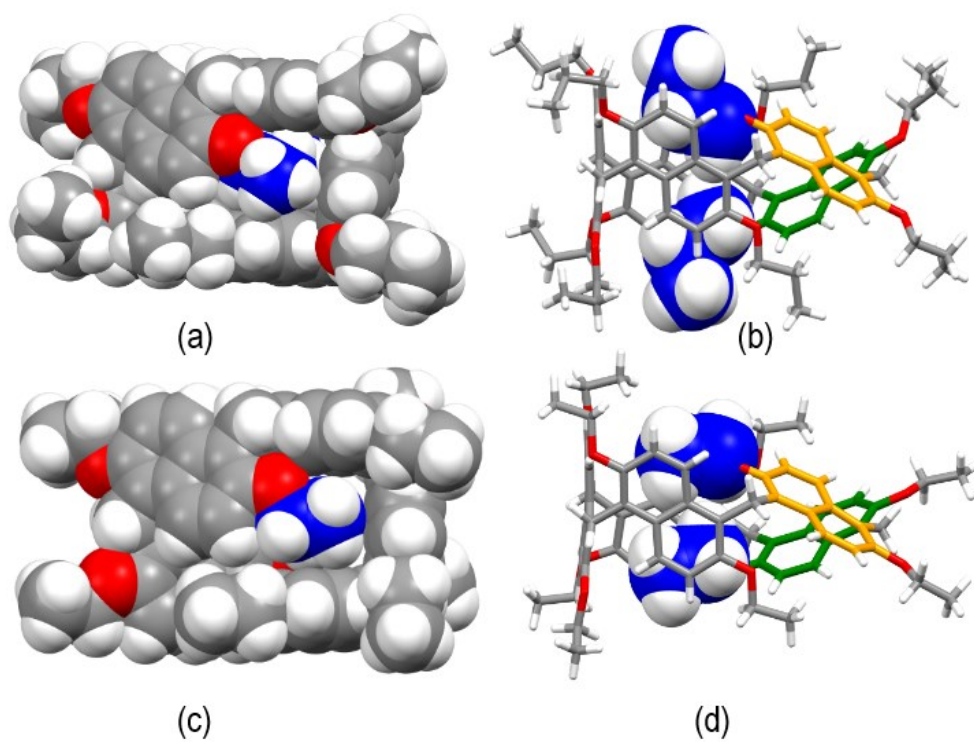


Figure S105. Self-filling of the cavities of of prism[5]arenes as obtained by X-ray structures. (a and b) Different views of **PrS[5]^{nPr}**. (c and d) Different views of **PrS[5]^{Et}**.

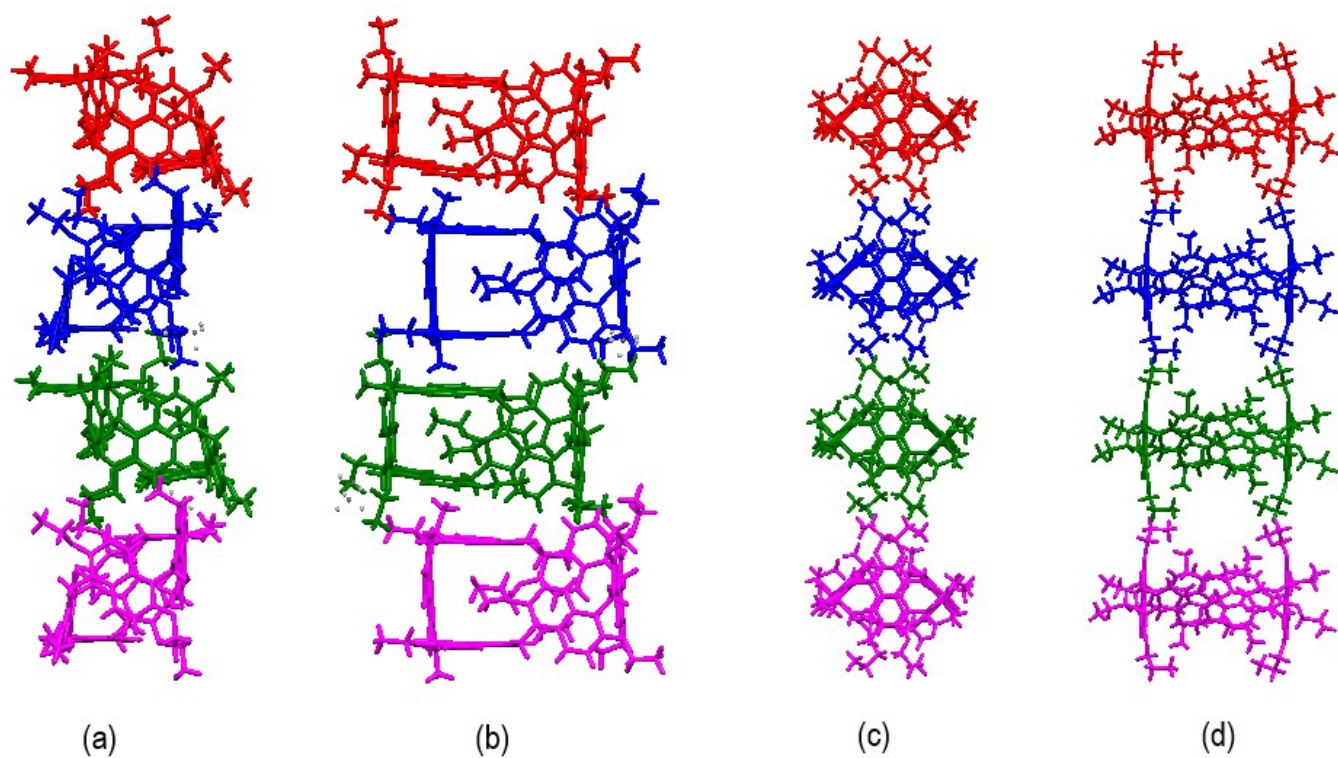


Figure S106. (a and b) Significant portion of the crystal packing of **PrS[5]^{Et}** viewed along the *a*-axis. (c and d) Significant portion of the crystal packing of **PrS[5]^{nPr}** viewed along the *a*-axis.

Potential void volumes of prismatic macro-cycles.

In order to compare the potential cavity of the hosts for complex formation, the surface and volume of the ideal prismatic solids enclosed by the aromatic walls of some strictly related cyclophanes: pillar[5]arene, pillar[6]arene, prism[5]arene, prism[6]arene, and pagoda[4]arene were evaluated (Figure S99). The geometrical parameters used for these calculations were obtained from the CCDC database as mean values of distances and angles observed in the X-ray structures containing the relevant monomeric unit. The volumes of the ideal prismatic solids enclosed by the macrocycles (**V**) were evaluated from the areas of the polyhedron bases (**B**) and the geometric heights (**h**). The potential contact surface areas (**A**) were calculated as the total area of the rectangular prism faces. The opening of the cavity of these macrocycles (Figure S99) was evaluated as the area of the polyhedron base, **B**, namely, pentagon for the prism[5]arene and pillar[5]arene, square for the pagoda[4]arene, and hexagon for the prism[6]arene and pillar[6]arene. The opening of the cavity is strictly related first to the number of monomers in the macrocycle and then to the number of fused-rings in the aromatic walls. Thus, the prism[6]arene (52.4 Å²) shows a wider cavity than the pillar[6]arene (39.1 Å²) and the prism[5]arene shows a wider cavity than pillar[5]arene (27.3 vs 19.6 Å²) and pagoda[4]arene (19.1 Å²). The depth of the cavity, evaluated by the geometric height of the prism (**h**), is related to the number of fused-rings in the aromatic walls. Thus the order is pagodarene (10.78 Å), prismarene (9.35 Å), and pillararene (7.76 Å). As a result, the volumes of the cavities of these macrocycles clearly indicate that primarenes have bigger cavities than the corresponding pillararenes: prism[6]arene (490 Å³) vs. pillar[6]arene (303 Å³); prism[5]arene (255 Å³) vs. pillar[5]arene (152 Å³). The tetrameric pagoda[4]arene (206 Å³) lie between the two pentamers, prism[5]arene and pillar[5]arene. Another important geometric feature is the potential contact surface areas (**A**) derived from the total area of the rectangular prism faces. The prism[6]arene (252 Å²) shows the highest surface area, while the prism[5]arene (186 Å²), pagoda[4]arene (188 Å²) and pillar[6]arene (181 Å²) have comparable values. Finally, the pillar[5]arene (131 Å²) exhibits the smallest potential contact area.

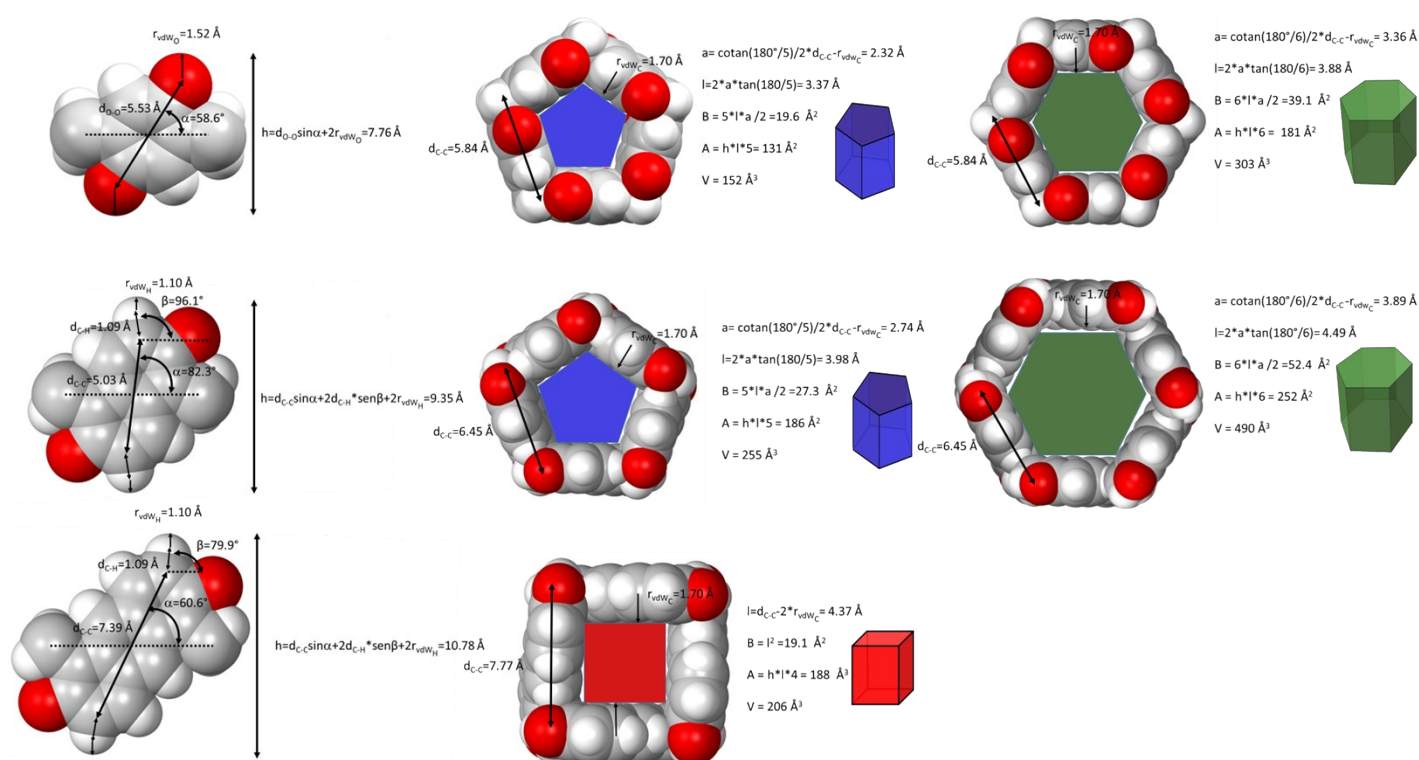


Figure S107. Comparison of the potential void volume in prismatic macro-cycles: Pillarenes, prismarenes and pagodarenes.

Comparison between DFT and Solid-State Structures of PrS[5]^{nPr} and PrS[6]^{nPr}

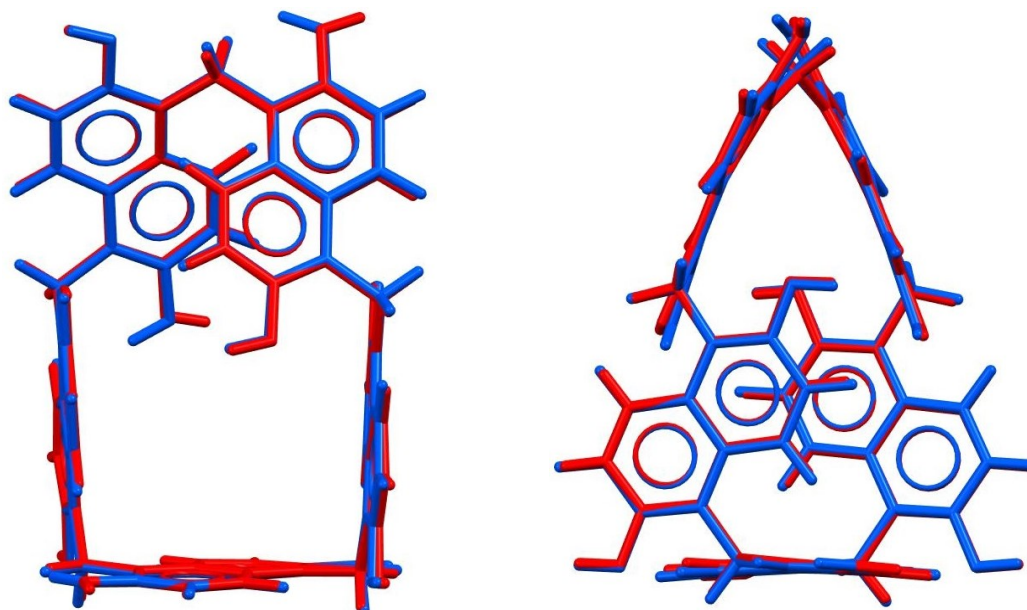


Figure S108. Superimposition of the solid-state structure (red) and DFT minimized structure (blue) of PrS[5]^{nPr} (rmsd = 0.07 Å). Propyl groups are omitted for clarity

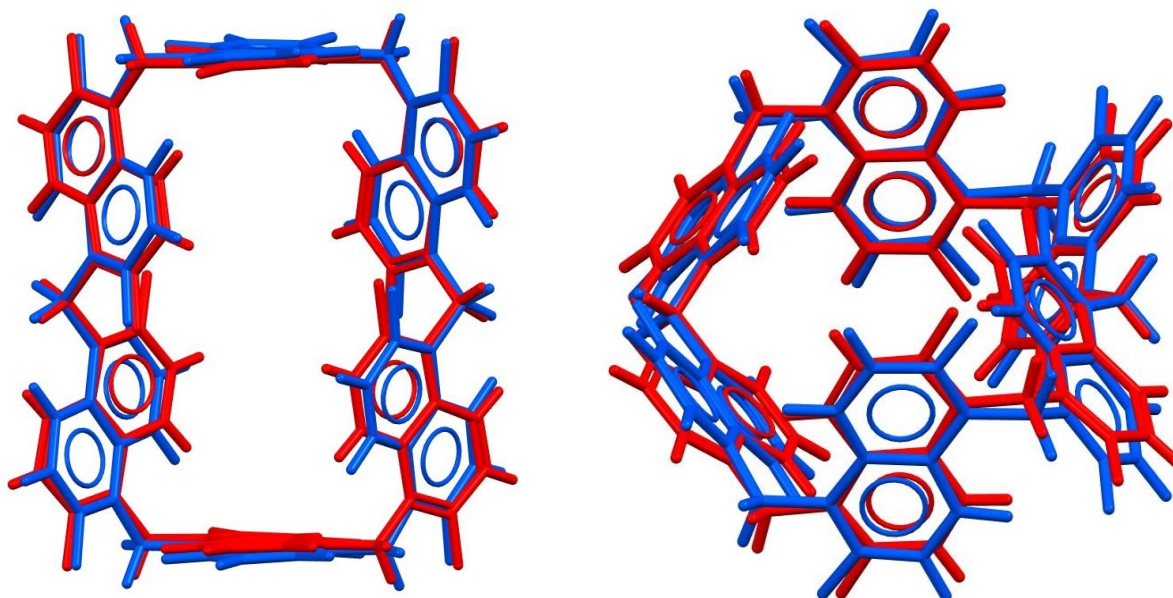


Figure S109. Superimposition of the solid-state structure (red) and DFT minimized structure (blue) of PrS[6]^{nPr} (rmsd = 0.34 Å).

HPLC analysis of the cyclocondensation kinetics

All samples were analyzed on 250 x 4.6 mm Waters Spherisorb® 10µm Silica using a gradient of hexane, dichloromethane and acetonitrile as the mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.5 ml/min and injecting 20µL of 10µg/mL solution of reaction mixture in dichloromethane. The gradient used for separation start to mixture 1:1 v:v of hexane-dichloromethane and in 30 minutes was added 5% of acetonitrile. The retention times are as follows: **PrS[5]^{Et}** (12.6 min) and **PrS[6]^{Et}** (21.0 min).

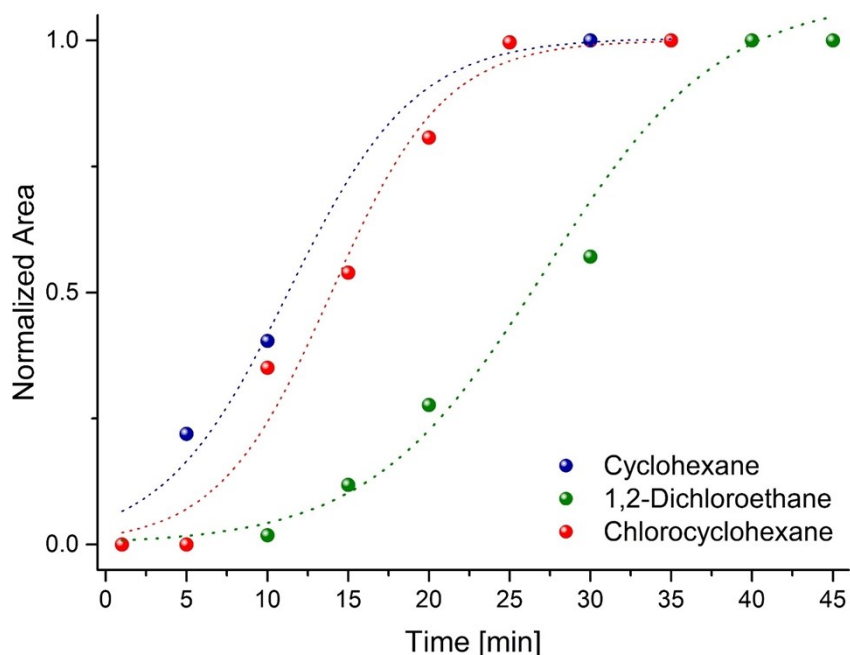


Figure S110: Relationship between time and **PrS[6]^{Et}** concentration in the cyclocondensation reactions of **4b** in different solvents.

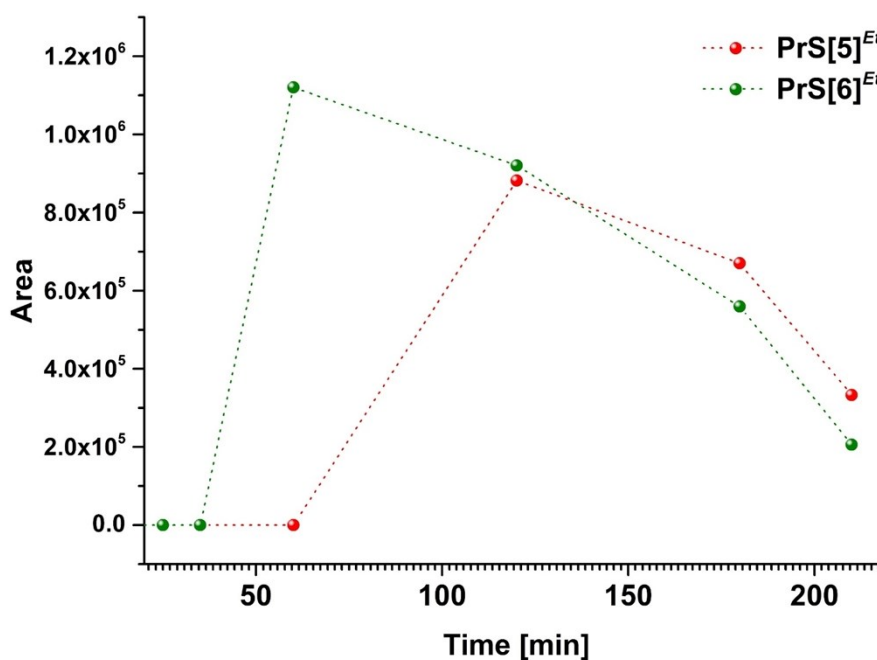


Figure S111: Relationship between time and products distribution in the cyclocondensation reactions of **4b** with templating agent **5²⁺·2I⁻**.