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## On the thermodynamic and kinetic investigations of a [c2]daisy chain polymer

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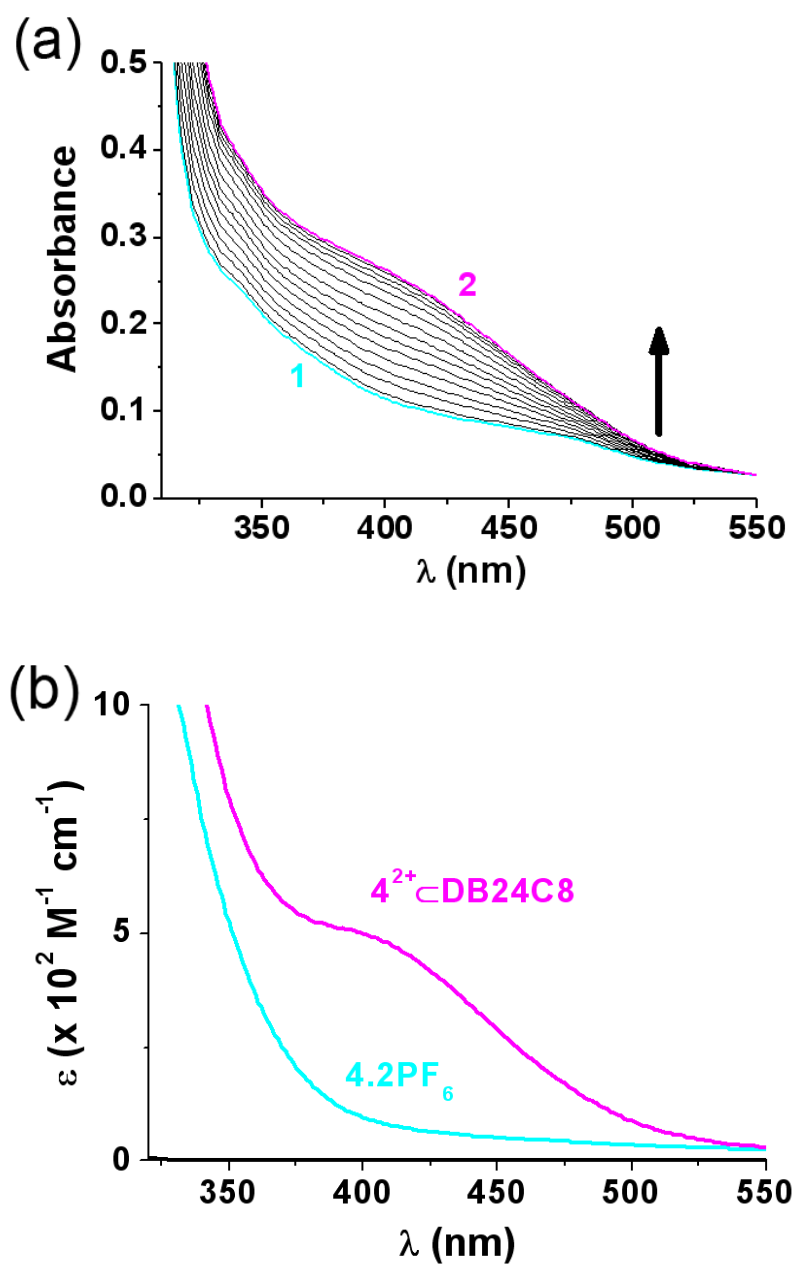
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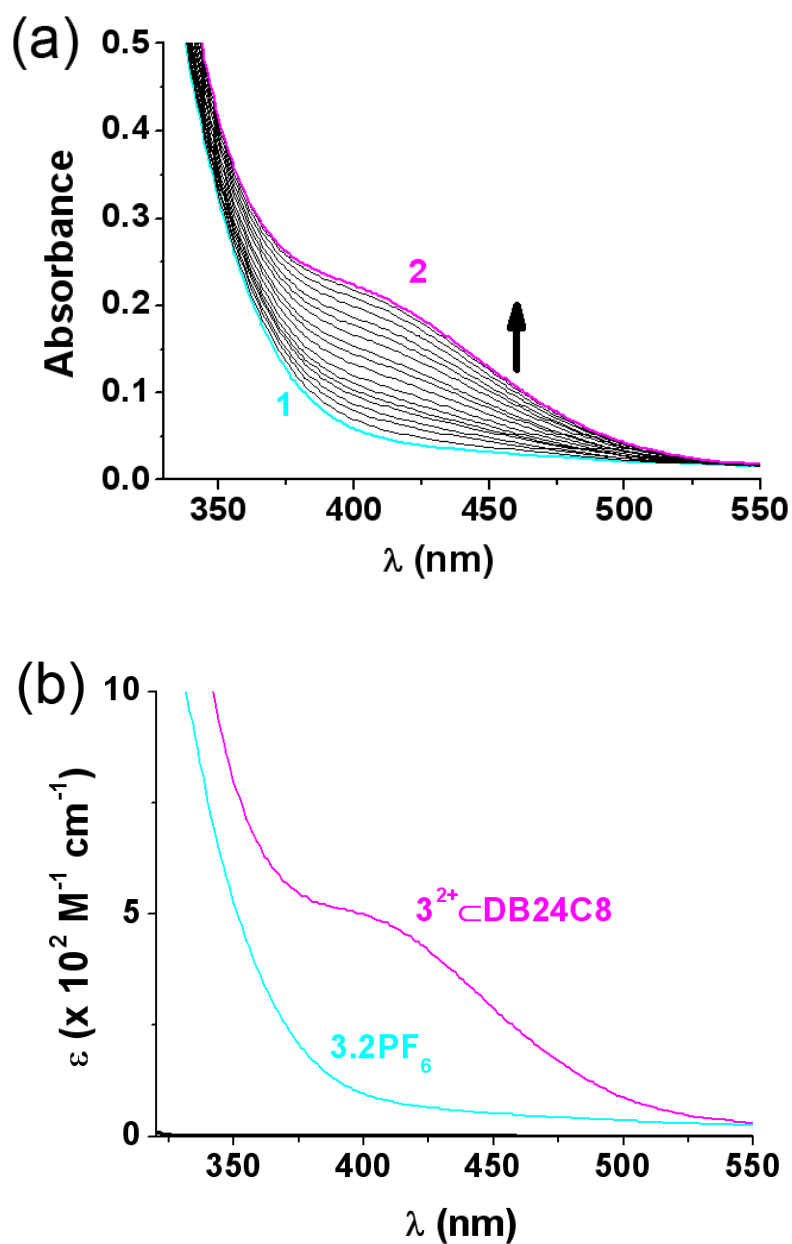
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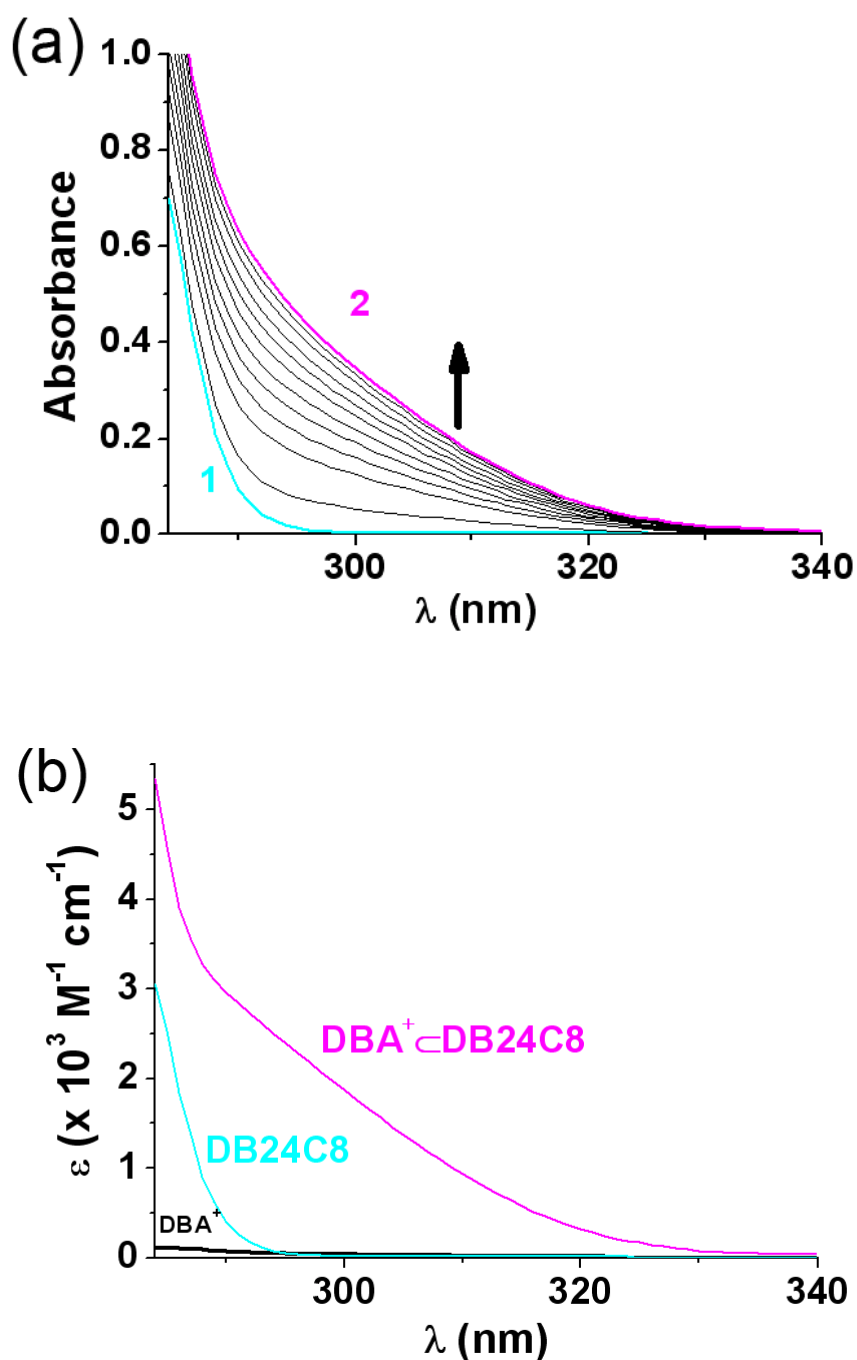
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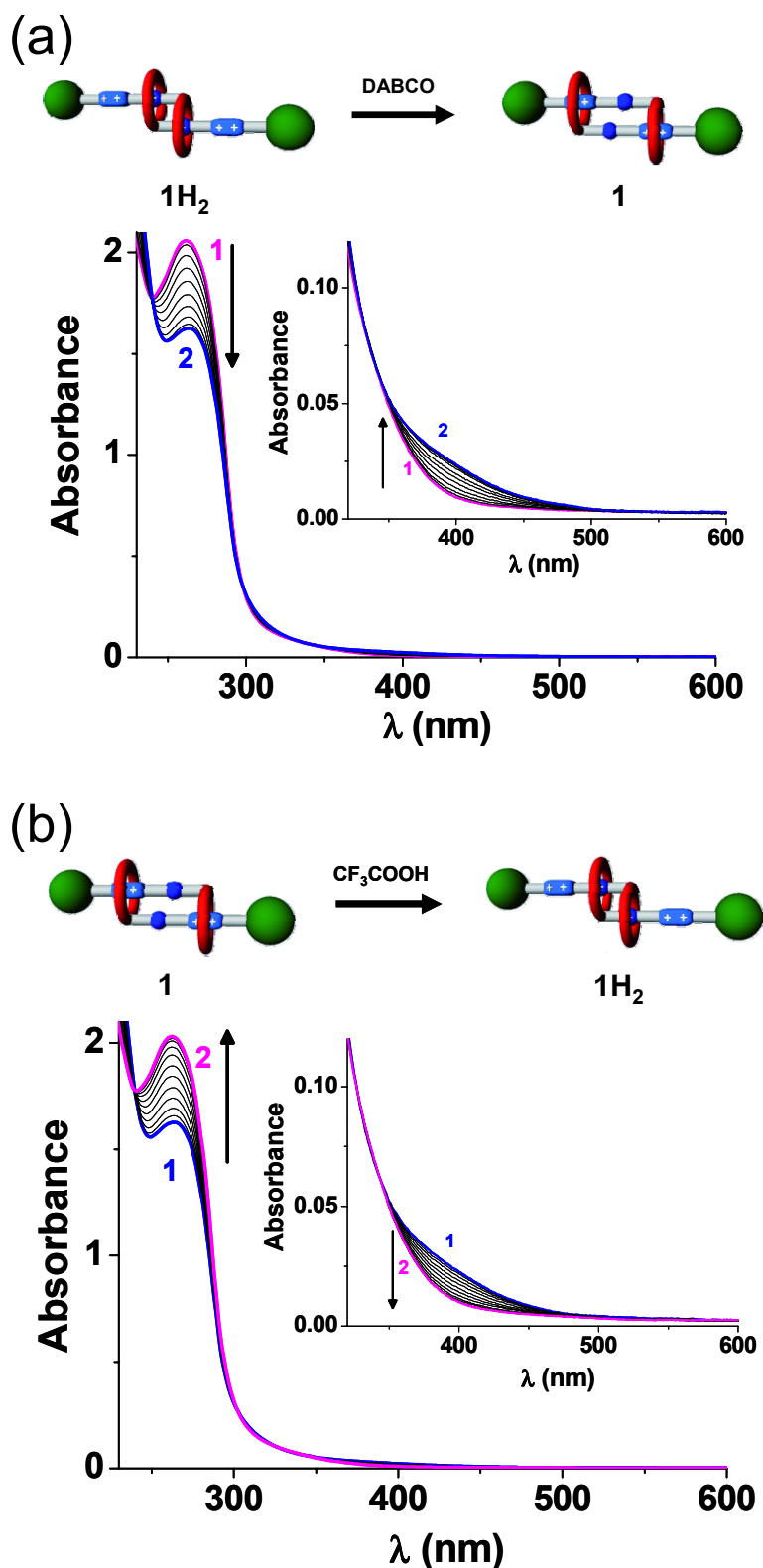
**Figure S1:** (a) UV-Visible absorption spectrophotometric titration of 4·2PF<sub>6</sub> with DB24C8. [4·2PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>tot</sub> =  $1.44 \times 10^{-3}$  M; (1) [DB24C8]<sub>tot</sub> / [4·2PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>tot</sub> = 0; (2) [DB24C8]<sub>tot</sub> / [4·2PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>tot</sub> = 12.8;  $l = 1$  cm. (b) Absorption electronic spectra of 4·2PF<sub>6</sub> substrate and of 4<sup>2+</sup>⊂DB24C8 complex. Solvent: MeCN;  $T = 25.0(2)$  °C.



**Figure S2:** (a) UV-Visible absorption spectrophotometric titration of  $3 \cdot 2PF_6$  with **DB24C8**.  $[3 \cdot 2PF_6]_{tot} = 6.14 \times 10^{-4} M$ ; (1)  $[DB24C8]_{tot} / [3 \cdot 2PF_6]_{tot} = 0$ ; (2)  $[DB24C8]_{tot} / [3 \cdot 2PF_6]_{tot} = 35.8$ ;  $l = 1$  cm. (b) Absorption electronic spectra of  $3 \cdot 2PF_6$  substrate and of  $3^{2+} \subset DB24C8$  complex. Solvent: MeCN;  $T = 25.0(2) ^\circ C$ .

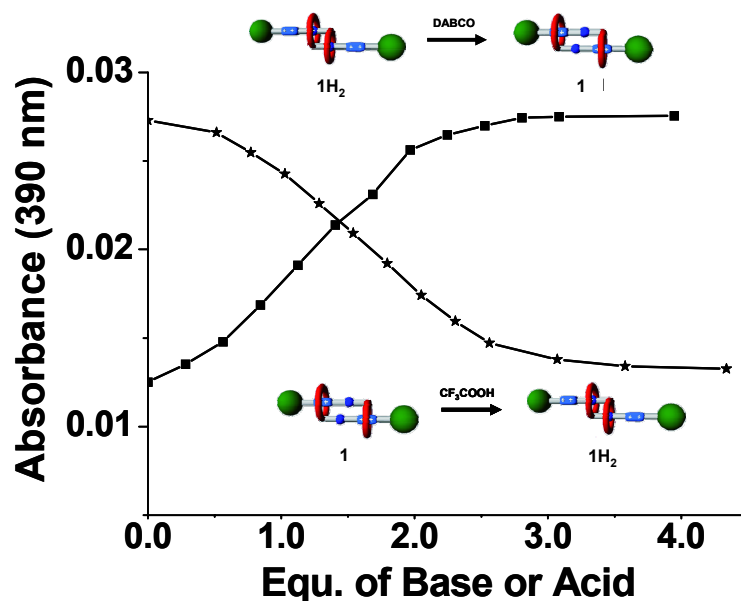


**Figure S3:** (a) UV-Visible absorption spectrophotometric titration of **DB24C8** with **DBA·CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>**.  $[\text{DB24C8}]_{\text{tot}} = 1.128 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ; (1)  $[\text{DBA}\cdot\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2]_{\text{tot}} / [\text{DB24C8}]_{\text{tot}} = 0$ ; (2)  $[\text{DBA}\cdot\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2]_{\text{tot}} / [\text{DB24C8}]_{\text{tot}} = 12.2$ ;  $l = 0.2 \text{ cm}$ . (b) Absorption electronic spectra of **DBA·CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>** substrate, of **DB24C8** receptor and of **DBA<sup>+</sup>⊂DB24C8** complex. Solvent: MeCN;  $T = 25.0(2) \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

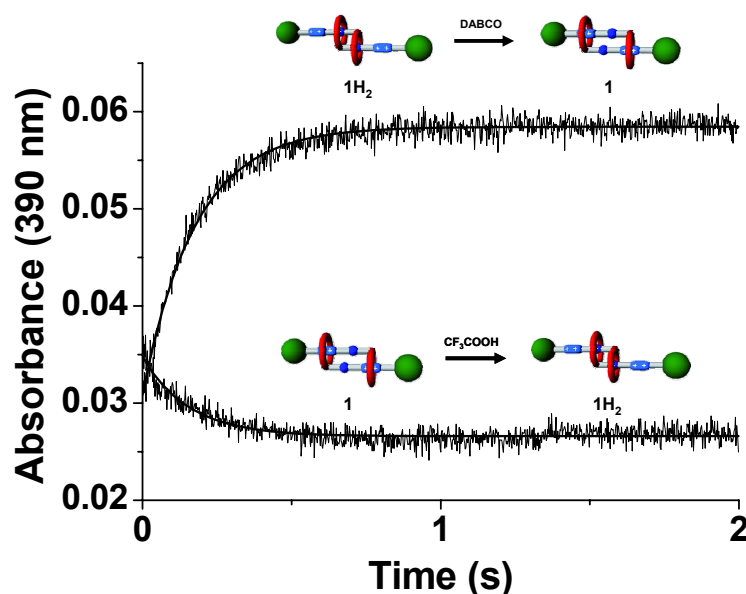


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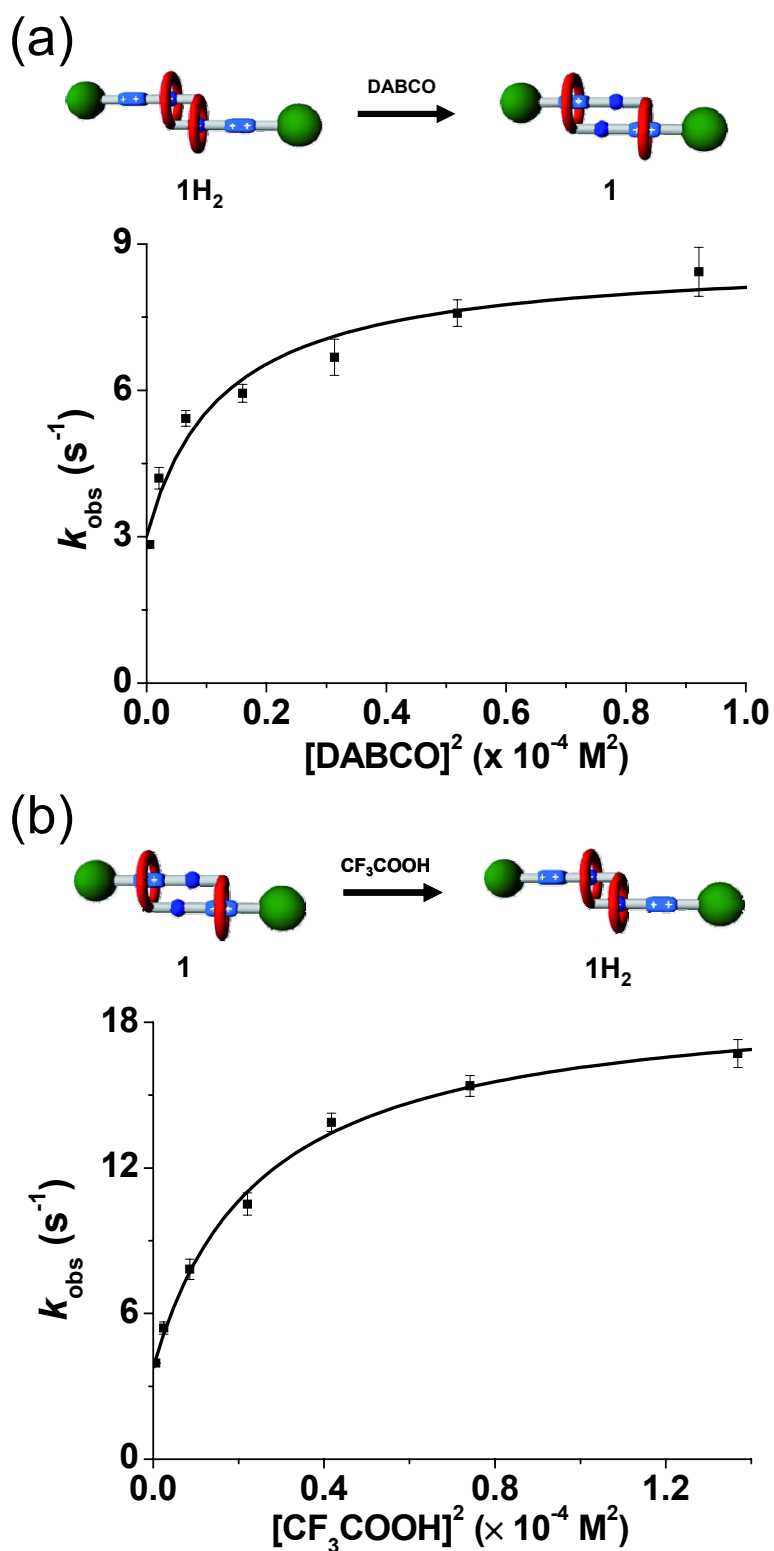
$$[(\mathbf{1}\cdot\mathbf{4PF}_6)]_{\text{tot}} = 4.08 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}; \quad (1) \quad [\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}]_{\text{tot}} / [(\mathbf{1}\cdot\mathbf{4PF}_6)]_{\text{tot}} = 0; \quad (2) \\ [\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}]_{\text{tot}} / [(\mathbf{1}\cdot\mathbf{4PF}_6)]_{\text{tot}} = 5.8$$



**Figure S5.** Variation in the absorbance of the CT band ( $\lambda = 390$  nm) with the gradual addition of DABCO or CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H to monomer 1H<sub>2</sub>·6PF<sub>6</sub>. Solvent: MeCN;  $T = 25.0(2)$  °C;  $l = 1$  cm;  $[1H_2 \cdot 6PF_6]_{tot} = [1 \cdot 4PF_6]_{tot} = 4.08 \times 10^{-5}$  M.

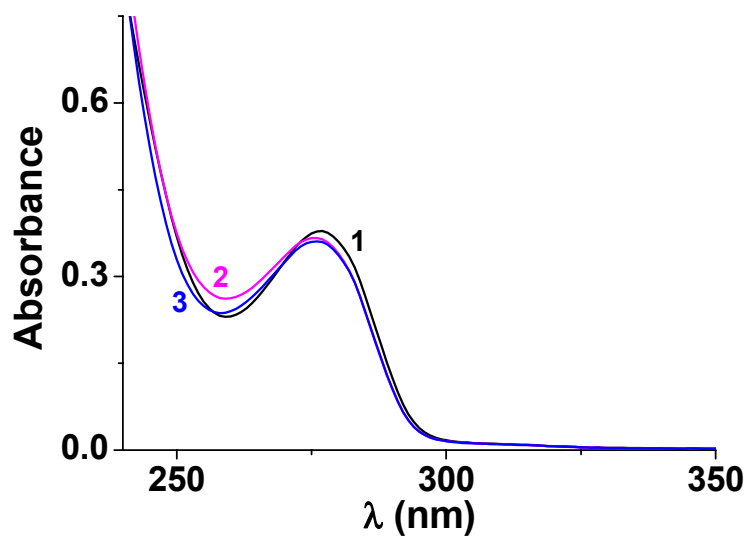


**Figure S6.** Variation of the absorbance at  $\lambda = 390$  nm (CT absorption) versus time for the acid-induced extension and the base-promoted contraction of the [c2] daisy chain monomer 1H<sub>2</sub>·6PF<sub>6</sub>. Solvent: MeCN;  $T = 25.0(2)$  °C;  $l = 1$  cm;  $[1H_2 \cdot 6PF_6]_{tot} = 7.27 \times 10^{-5}$  M;  $[DABCO]_{tot} = 2.56 \times 10^{-3}$  M;  $[1 \cdot 4PF_6]_{tot} = 7.05 \times 10^{-5}$  M;  $[CF_3CO_2H]_{tot} = 2.93 \times 10^{-3}$  M.

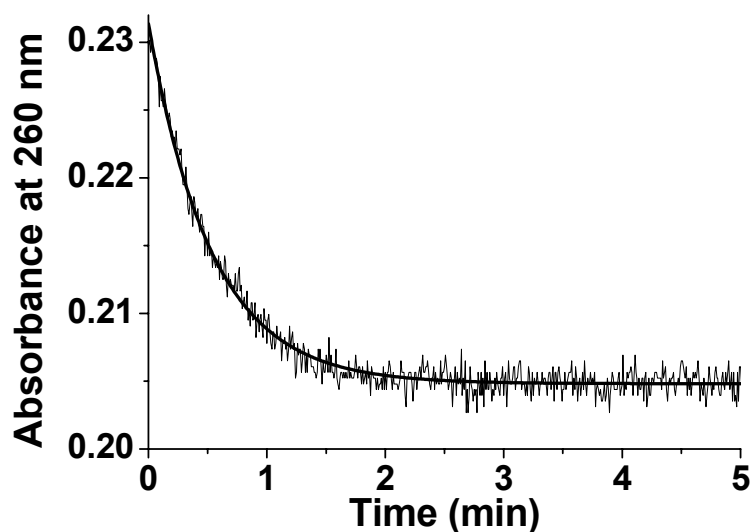


**Figure S7.** Variations of the pseudo-first-order rate constants  $k_{\text{obs}}$  (s<sup>-1</sup>), relative to the base-induced contraction (a) and acid-triggered extension (b) of the [c2]daisy chain monomer as a function of  $[\text{DABCO}]_{\text{tot}}$  and  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}]_{\text{tot}}$ , respectively. Solvent: acetonitrile;  $T = 25.0(2)$  °C. (a)  $[\text{1H}_2 \cdot 6\text{PF}_6]_{\text{tot}} = 7.27 \times 10^{-5}$  M; (b)  $[\text{1} \cdot 4\text{PF}_6]_{\text{tot}} = 7.05 \times 10^{-5}$  M.

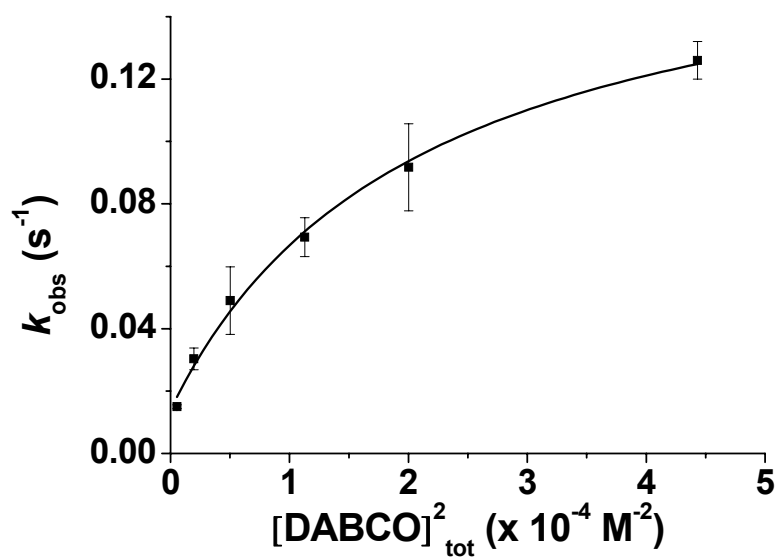




**Figure S8.** Spectral changes observed on addition of DABCO to a solution of the dimeric self-complex  $(5H \cdot PF_6)_2$ . Solvent: MeCN;  $T = 25.0(2)^\circ C$ ;  $l = 0.2$  cm;  $[(5H \cdot PF_6)_2]_{tot} = 2.25 \times 10^{-4}$  M; (1)  $[DABCO] / [(5H \cdot PF_6)_2] = 0$ ; (2)  $[DABCO] / [(5H \cdot PF_6)_2] = 8$  (immediately recorded after addition of DABCO); (3)  $[DABCO] / [(5H \cdot PF_6)_2] = 8$  (recorded after 10 minutes).



**Figure S9.** Variation of the absorbance at  $\lambda = 260$  nm versus time for the base-induced dissociation of the dimeric self-complex  $(5H \cdot PF_6)_2$ . Solvent: MeCN;  $T = 25.0(2)^\circ C$ ;  $l = 0.2$  cm;  $[(5H \cdot PF_6)_2]_{tot} = 2.15 \times 10^{-4}$  M;  $[DABCO]_{tot} = 4.42 \times 10^{-3}$  M.



**Figure S10.** Variations of the pseudo-first-order rate constants  $k_{\text{obs}} \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$  relative to the base-induced dissociation of the dimeric self-complex  $(\mathbf{5H}\cdot\text{PF}_6)_2$  as a function of  $[\text{DABCO}]_{\text{tot}}$ . Solvent: MeCN;  $T = 25.0(2) \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $l = 0.2 \text{ cm}$ ;  $[(\mathbf{5H}\cdot\text{PF}_6)_2]_{\text{tot}} = 2.15 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ .