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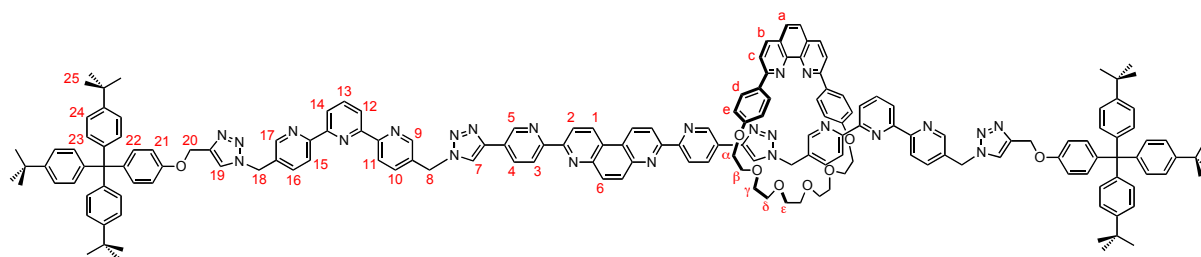
**Synthesis of [2]-, [3]-, and [4]rotaxanes whose axis contains two bidentate
and two tridentate chelates**

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¹H NMR assignment of compounds 6, 7 and 8

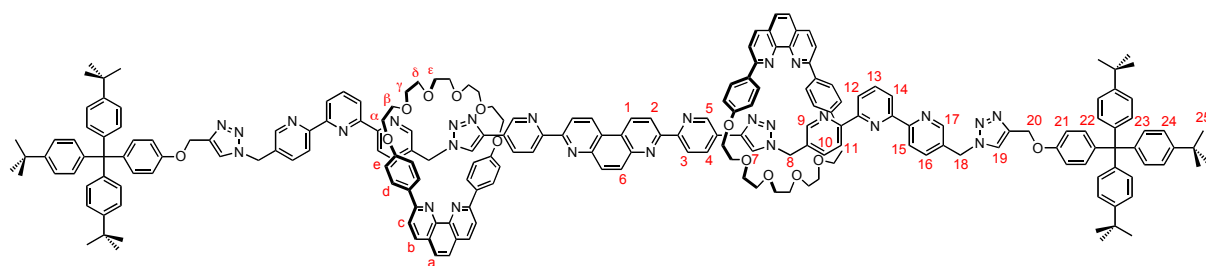
The spectrum was referenced to residual proton-solvent references. In the assignments, the chemical shift (in ppm) is given first, followed, in brackets, by the multiplicity of the signal (s: singlet, d: doublet, dd: doublet of doublet, t: triplet, m: multiplet), the value of the coupling constants in Hertz if applicable, the number of protons implied and finally the assignment.



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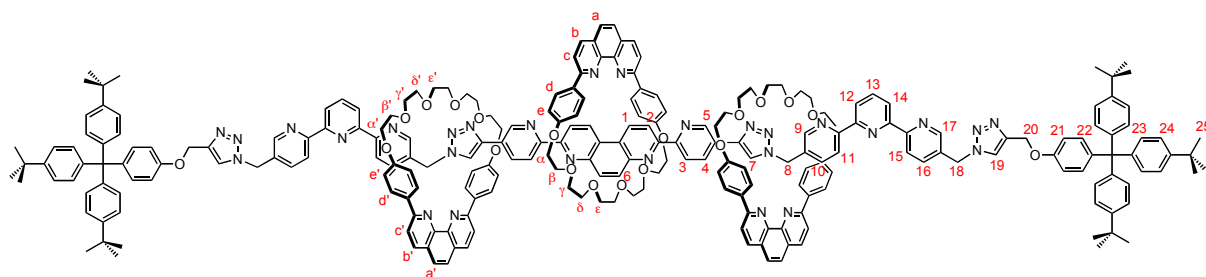
¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C) : δ = 9.20 (d, 4J = 1.7 Hz, 2H, H-5), 9.06 (d, 3J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, H-1), 8.79 (d, 3J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, H-2), 8.75 (d, 3J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H-3), 8.66 (d, 4J = 1.5 Hz, 2H, H-9), 8.56 (d, 4J = 1.6 Hz, 2H, H-17), 8.46 (d, 3J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, H-11), 8.41 (d, 3J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, H-15), 8.40-8.37 (m, 6H, H-4, H-13, H-7), 8.29 (s, 2H, H-6), 8.17 (d, 3J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H-b), 7.95-7.90 (m, 8H, H-12, H-14, H-d), 7.85 (d, 3J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-c), 7.84 (s, 2H, H-19), 7.72 (dd, 3J = 8.2 Hz, 4J = 2.0 Hz, 2H, H-10), 7.69 (s, 2H, H-a), 7.59 (dd, 3J = 8.3 Hz, 4J

= 2.0 Hz, H-16), 7.23 (d, $^3J = 8.6$ Hz, 12H, H-24), 7.14 (d, $^3J = 9.4$ Hz, 4H, H-22), 7.13 (d, $^3J = 8.7$ Hz, 12H, H-23), 6.87 (d, $^3J = 9.0$ Hz, 4H, H-21), 6.66 (d, $^3J = 8.6$ Hz, 4H, H-e), 5.63 (s, 4H, H-8), 5.54 (s, 4H, H-18), 5.15 (s, 4H, H-20), 3.98 (t, $^3J = 5.8$ Hz, 4H, H- α), 3.64 (s, 4H, H- ϵ), 3.63-3.55 (m, 12H, H- β , H- γ , H- δ), 1.27 (s, 54H, H-25) ppm.



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$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , 25 °C) : δ = 9.22 (d, $^4J = 1.6$ Hz, 2H, H-5), 9.05 (d, $^3J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, H-1), 8.74 (d, $^3J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H, H-2), 8.70 (d, $^3J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, H-3), 8.70 (s, 2H, H-7), 8.60 (d, $^4J = 1.7$ Hz, 2H, H-9), 8.44-8.39 (m, 4H, H-4, H-17), 8.39-8.28 (m, 8H, H-6, H-11, H-12, H-14), 8.22 (d, $^3J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, H-15), 8.10 (d, $^3J = 8.2$ Hz, 4H, H-b), 8.02 (s, 2H, H-19), 7.91 (d, $^3J = 8.6$ Hz, 4H, H-d), 7.86 (d, $^3J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H, H-13), 7.79 (d, $^3J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H, H-c), 7.66-7.62 (m, 6H, H-a, H-10), 7.33 (dd, $^3J = 8.2$ Hz, $^4J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, H-16), 7.20 (d, $^3J = 8.6$ Hz, 12H, H-24), 7.08 (d, $^3J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H, H-22), 7.05 (d, $^3J = 8.6$ Hz, 12H, H-23), 6.90 (d, $^3J = 8.9$ Hz, 4H, H-21), 6.65 (d, $^3J = 8.8$ Hz, 8H, H-e), 5.51 (s, 4H, H-8), 5.39 (s, 4H, H-18), 5.17 (s, 4H, H-20), 3.99 (m, 8H, H- α), 3.71-3.59 (m, 34H, H- β , H- γ , H- δ , H- ϵ), 1.27 (s, 54H, H-25) ppm.



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$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , 25 °C) : δ = 9.24 (s, 2H, H-5), 9.12 (d, $^3J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, H-1), 8.92 (s, 2H, H-7), 8.77 (d, $^3J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, H-2), 8.72 (d, $^3J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, H-3), 8.49 (s, 2H, H-9), 8.42 (m, 4H, H-4, H-13), 8.35-8.24 (m, 10H, H-6, H-12, H-14, H-17, H-11), 8.19 (d, $^3J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, H-15), 8.18 (s, 2H, H-19), 8.12 (d, $^3J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H, H-b'), 8.07 (d, $^3J = 7.7$ Hz,

2H, H-b), 7.94 (d, $^3J = 7.0$ Hz, 8H, H-d'), 7.90-7.75 (m, 10H, H-d, H-c', H-c), 7.66 (s, 4H, H-a'), 7.57 (s, 2H, H-a), 7.53 (d, $^3J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H, H-10), 7.33 (d, $^3J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H, H-16), 7.22 (d, $^3J = 8.5$ Hz, 12H, H-24), 7.12 (d, $^3J = 8.5$ Hz, 12H, H-23), 7.10 (d, $^3J = 9.2$ Hz, 4H, H-22), 6.91 (d, $^3J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H, H-21), 6.64 (d, $^3J = 8.4$ Hz, 8H, H-e'), 6.51 (d, $^3J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H, H-e), 5.42 (s, 4H, H-8), 5.32 (s, 4H, H-18), 5.12 (s, 4H, H-20), 3.93 (m, 8H, H- α'), 3.85 (t, $^3J = 5.8$ Hz, 4H, H- α), 3.80-3.50 (H- β , H- β' , H- γ , H- γ' , H- δ , H- δ' , H- ϵ , H- ϵ'), 1.27 (s, 54H, H-25) ppm.