

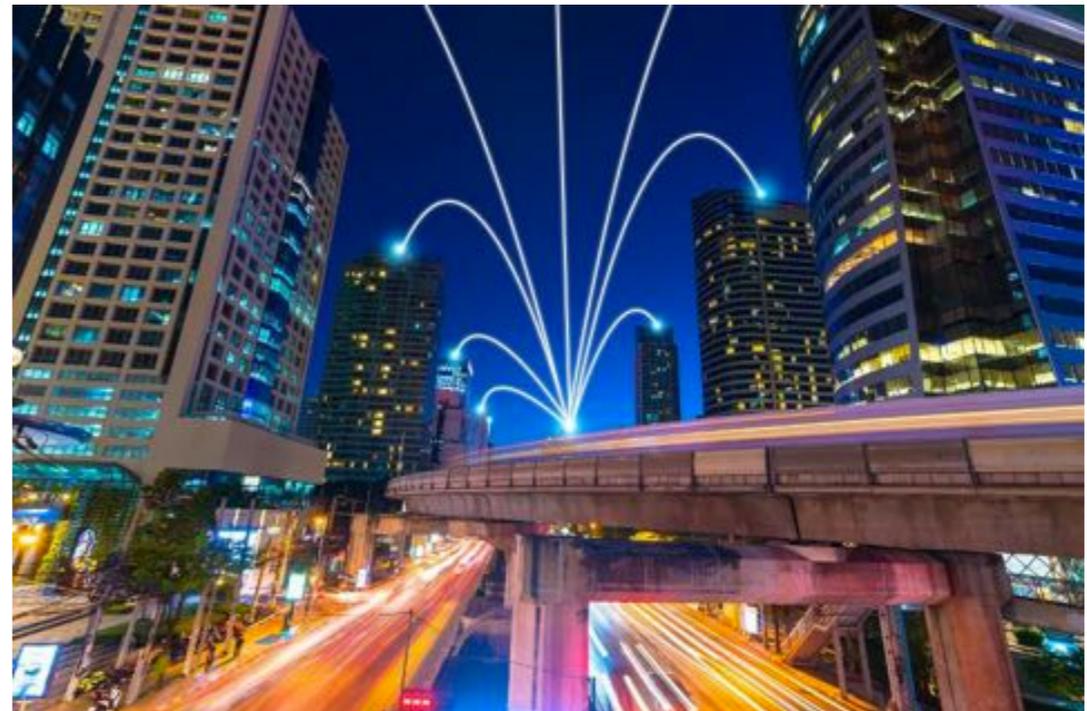
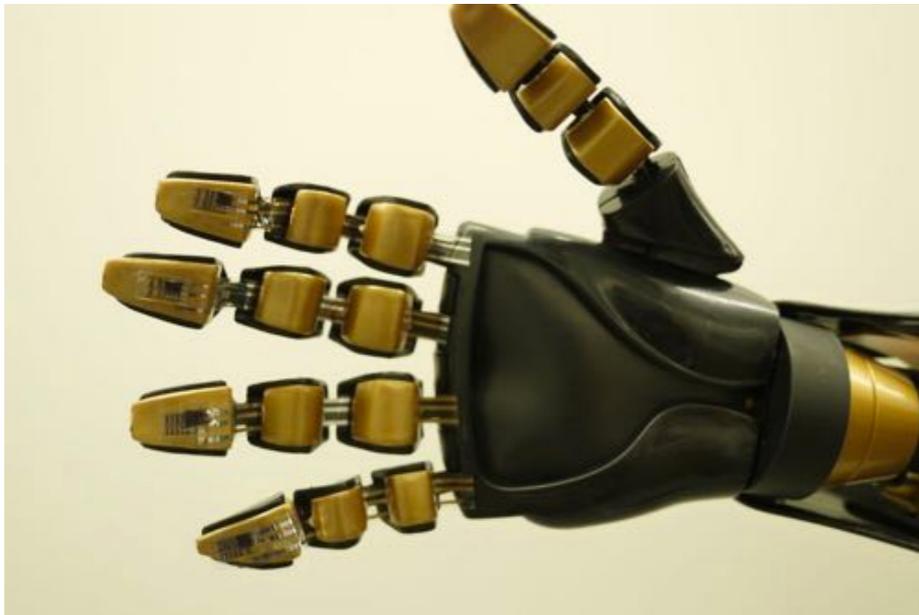
# Smart Materials: Design and Applications



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## *Introduction to Smart Materials*

**Smart materials:** *Materials that are designed to have one or more properties that can be significantly changed in a controlled fashion by external stimuli*



## *Outline*

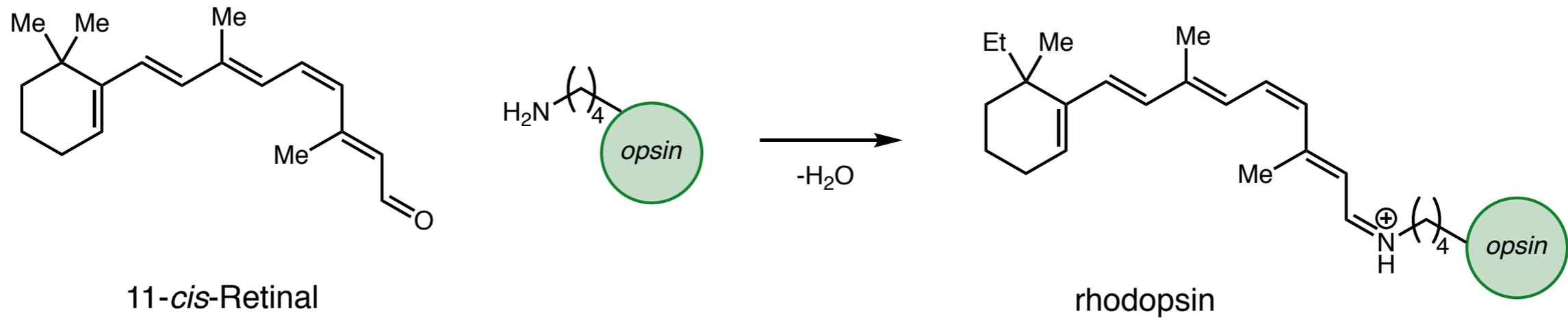
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# Photo-responsive Materials: Retinal



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Haldan Hartline

George Wald

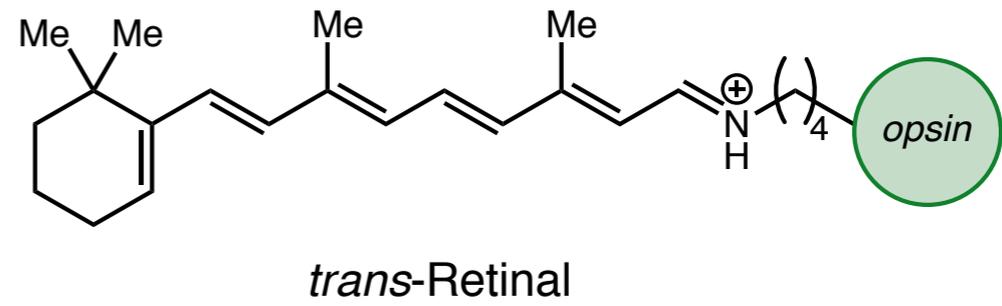


1967 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

$h\nu$  photoisomerization event

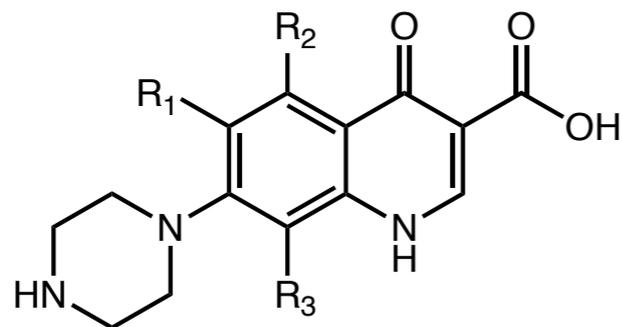
vision

cellular response cascade



**Up to 8 different opsins differing in few amino acid side chains modulate  $\lambda_{max}$  to enable colour vision**

## Use of Photoswitches in Antibiotics



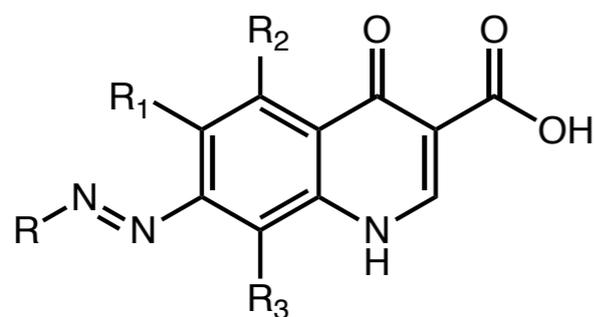
**quinolones**

*broad spectrum anti-bacterial agents*

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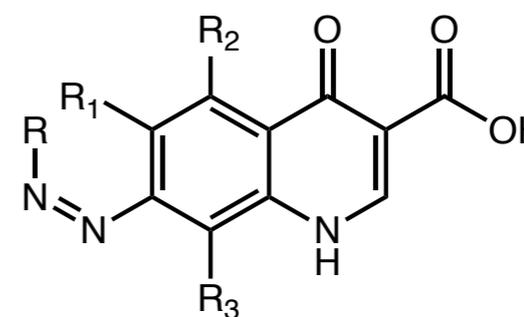
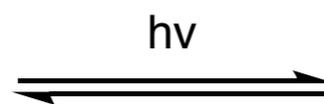
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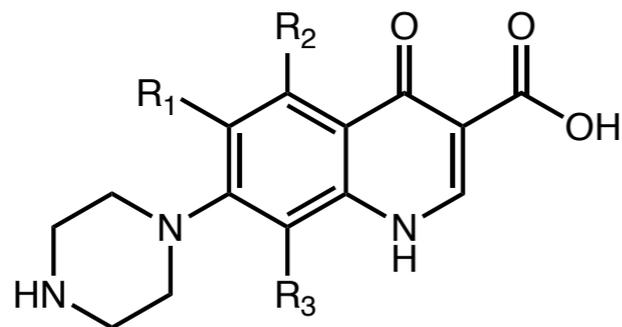
no anti-bacterial activity



***cis-isomer***

inhibits bacterial growth

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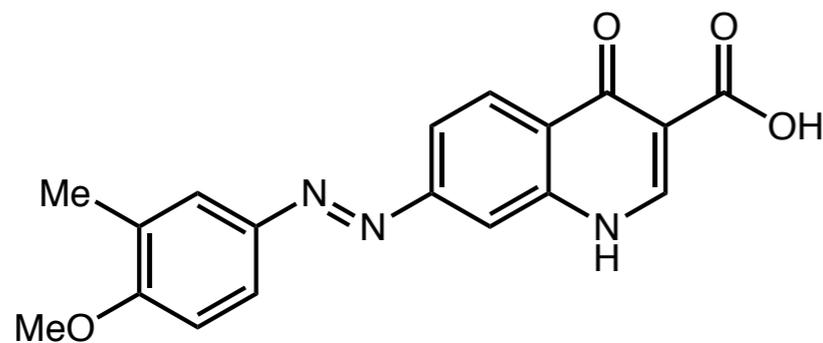
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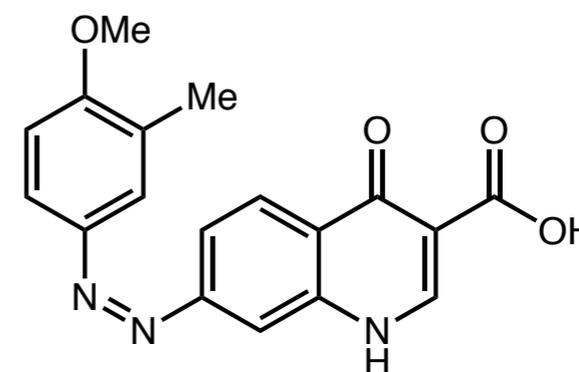
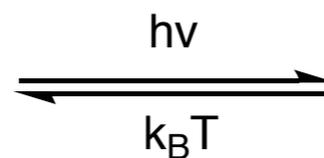
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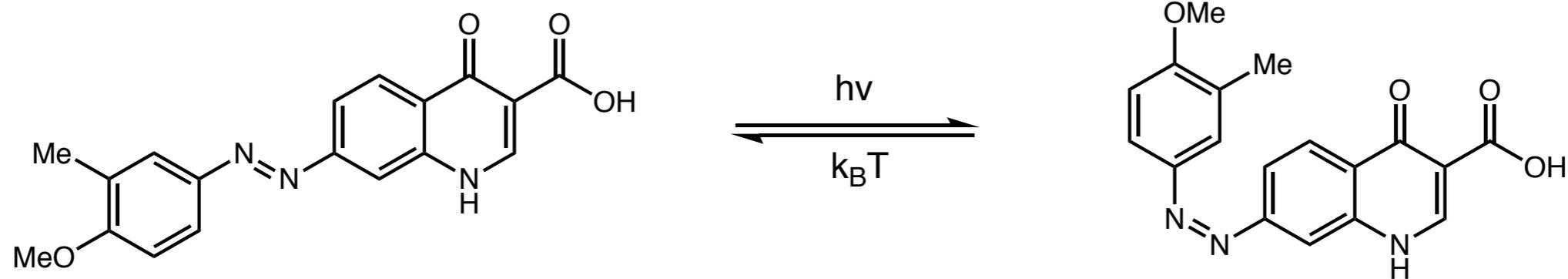
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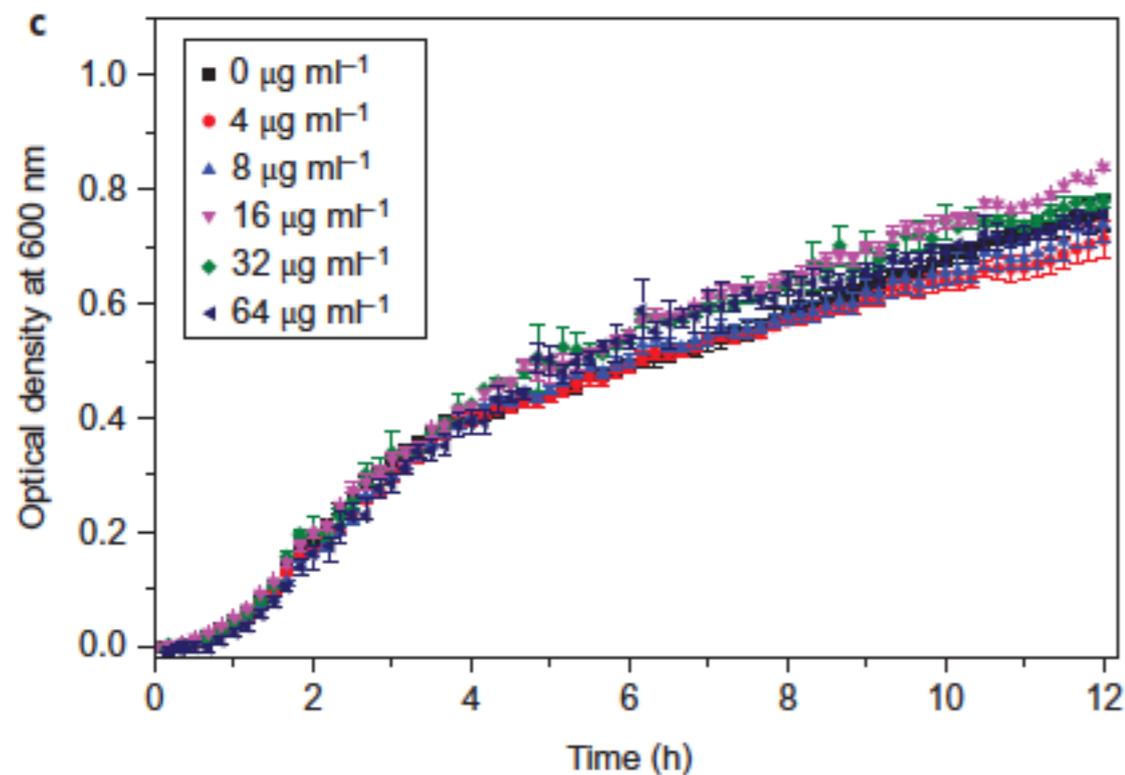


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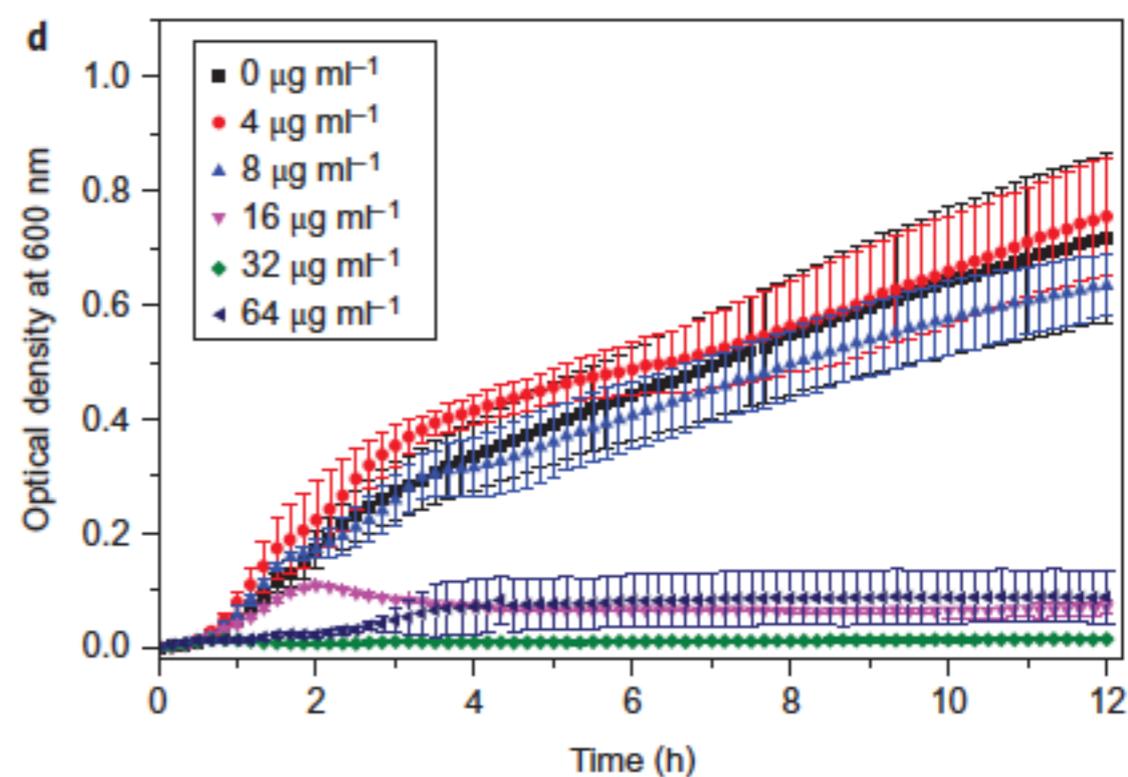
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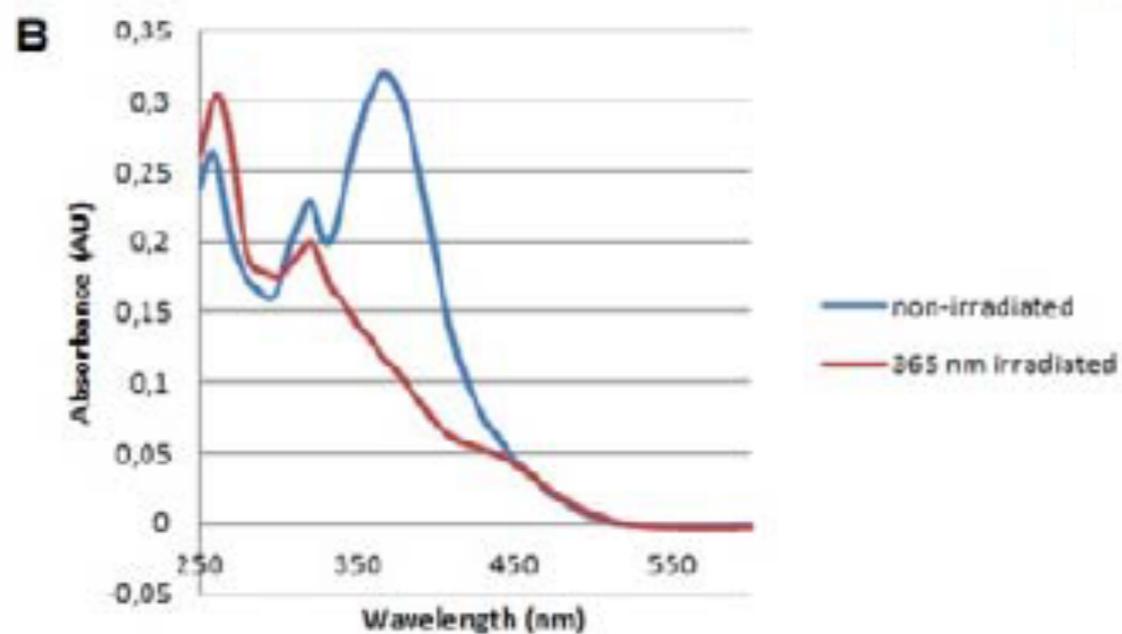
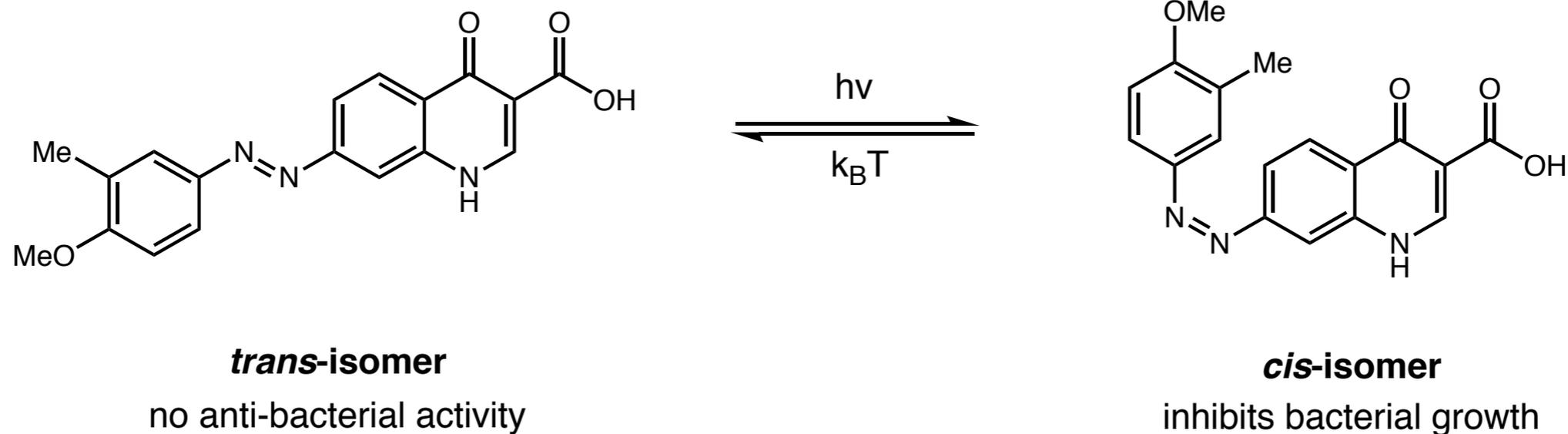


exposure of *E. coli* to non-irradiated *trans*-isomer

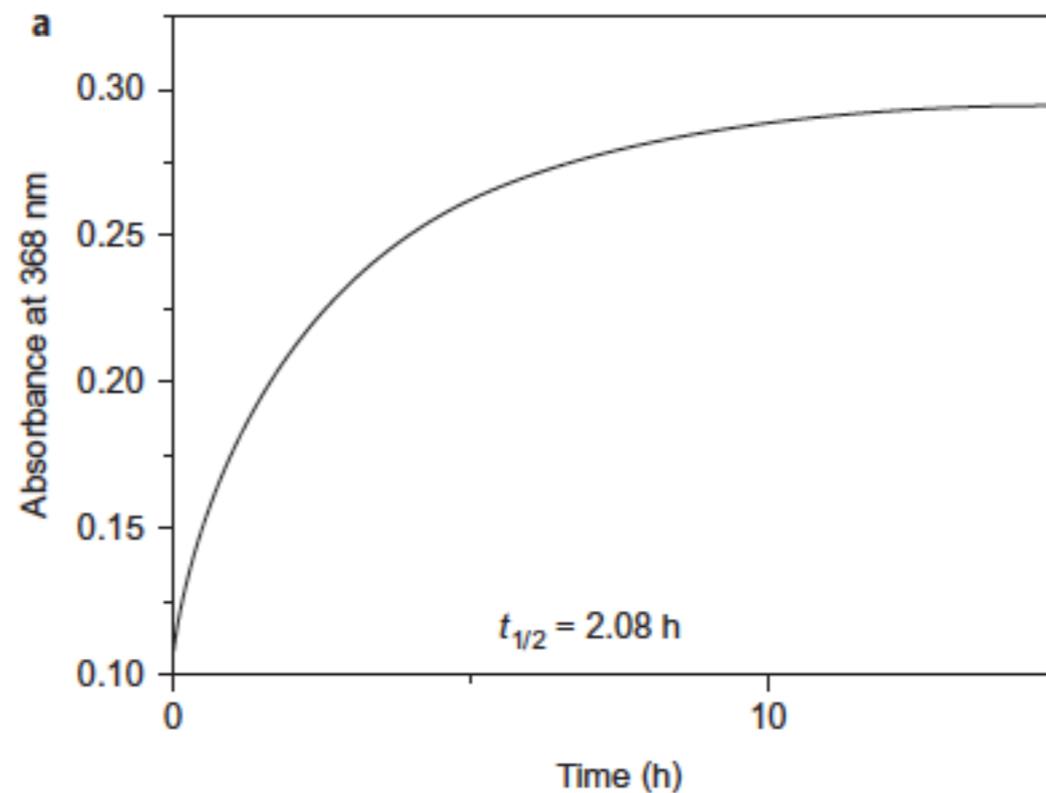


exposure of *E. coli* to irradiated (365 nm) *trans*-isomer

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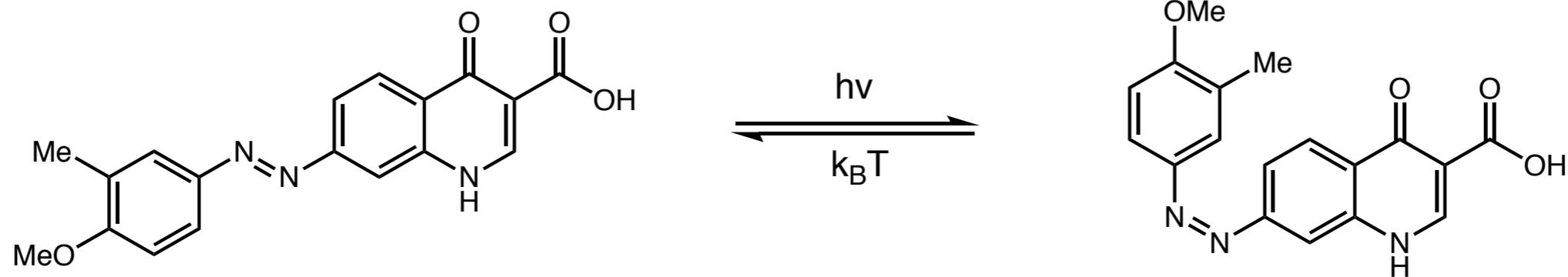


UV-Vis of compound before and after irradiation



thermal cis-trans isomerization at 37 °C

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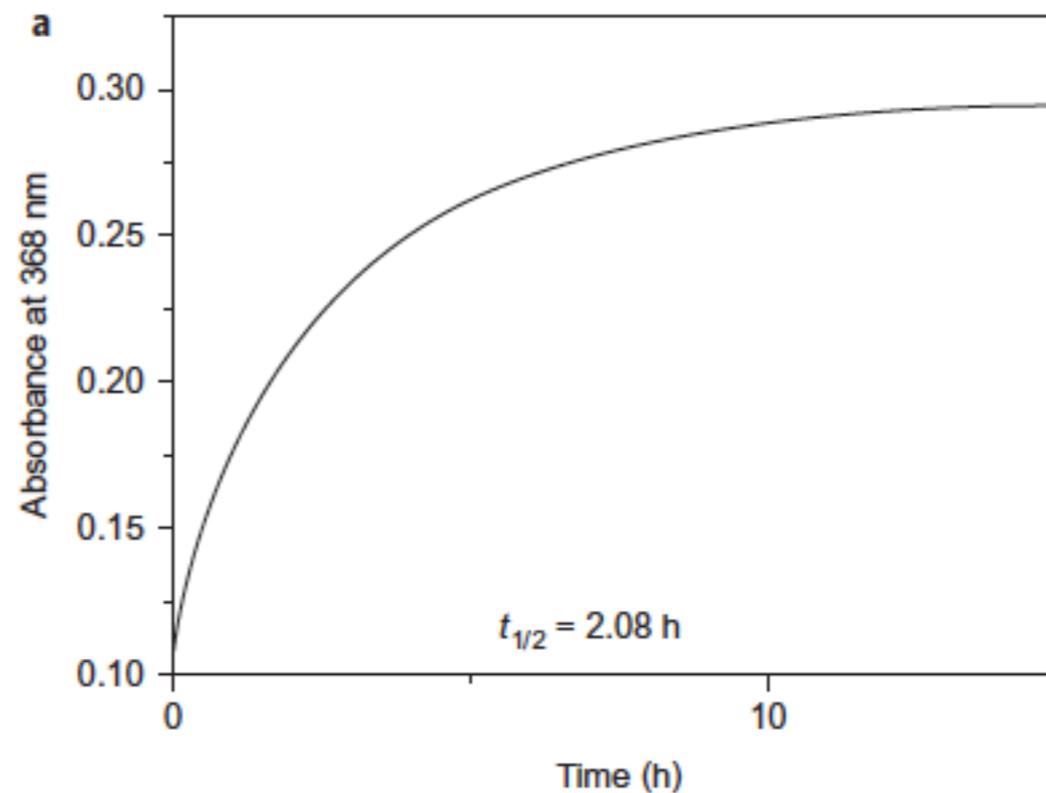
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*antibiotics are often excreted unmetabolized*

*build up in environment leads to bacterial resistance*

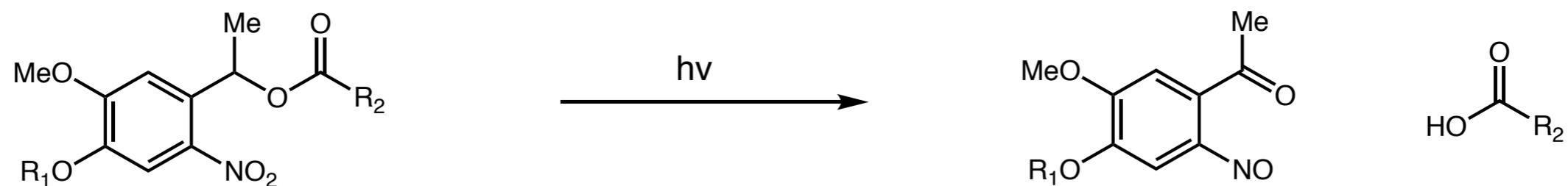
*auto-deactivation can help to combat this*



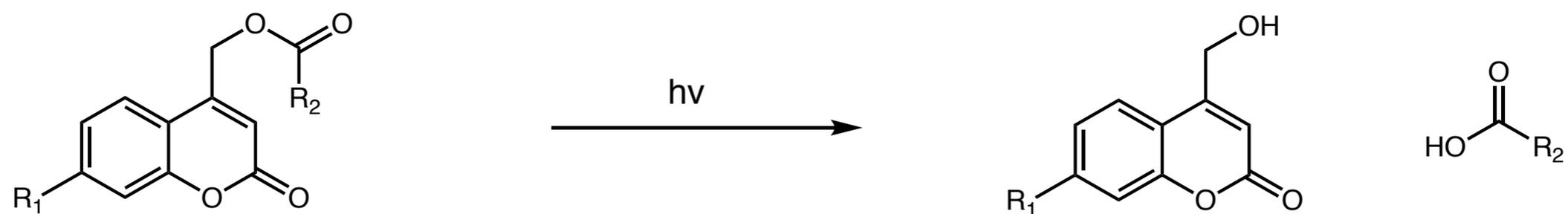
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# Photocleavage

## *ortho*-nitrobenzyl esters



## *courmarine* esters

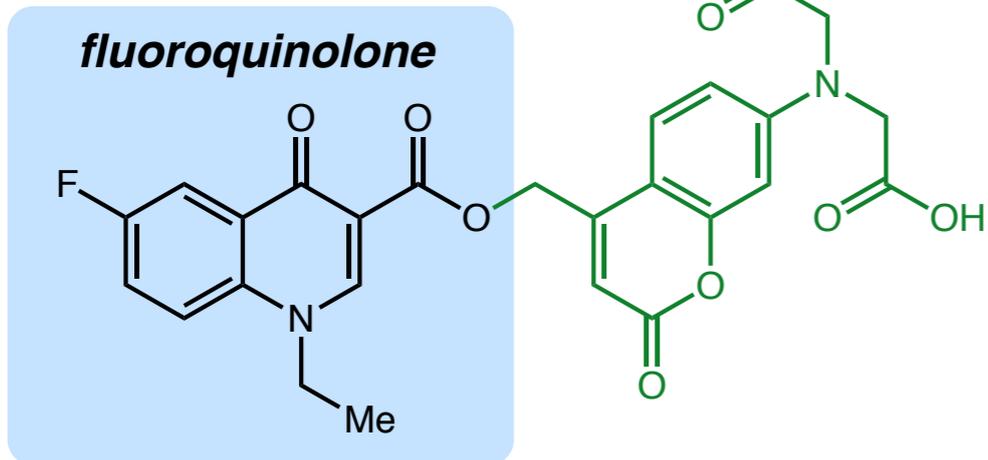


■ offers a modular approach

■ rapid response

■ non-reversible

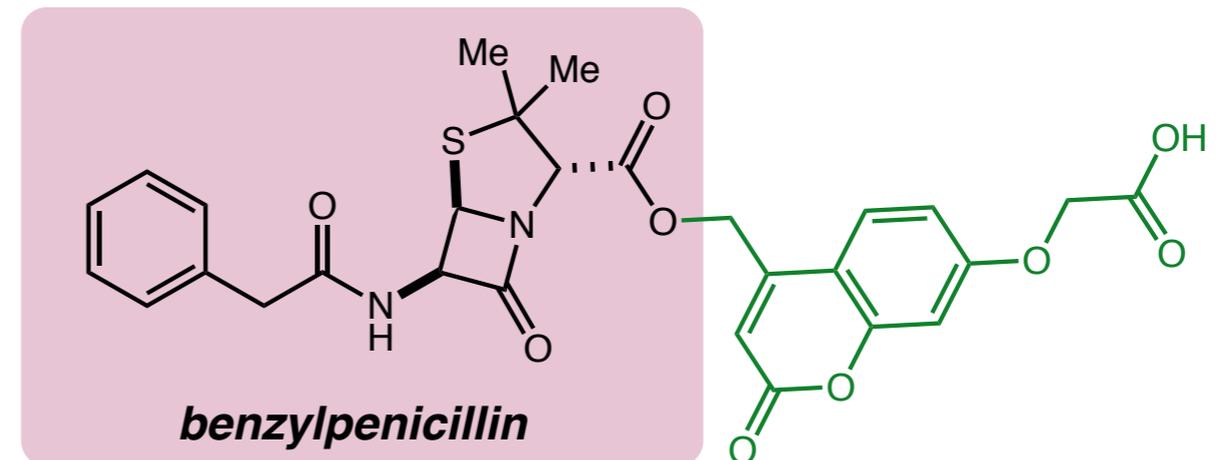
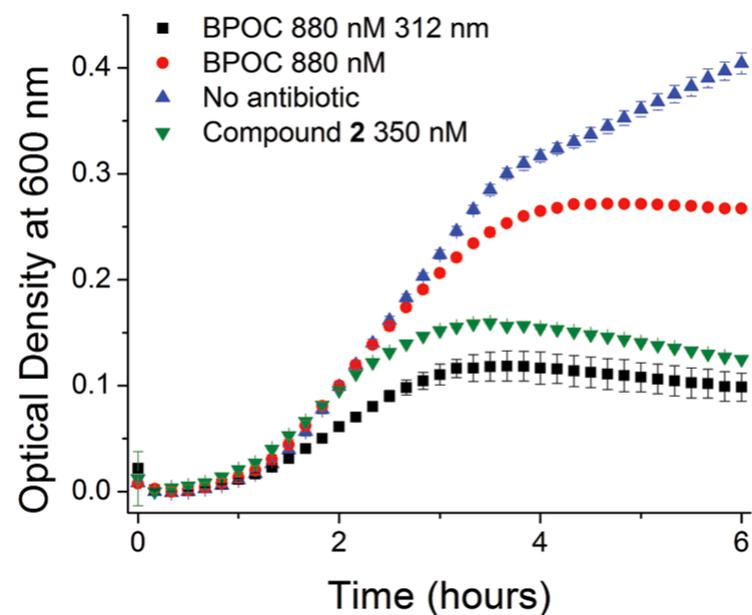
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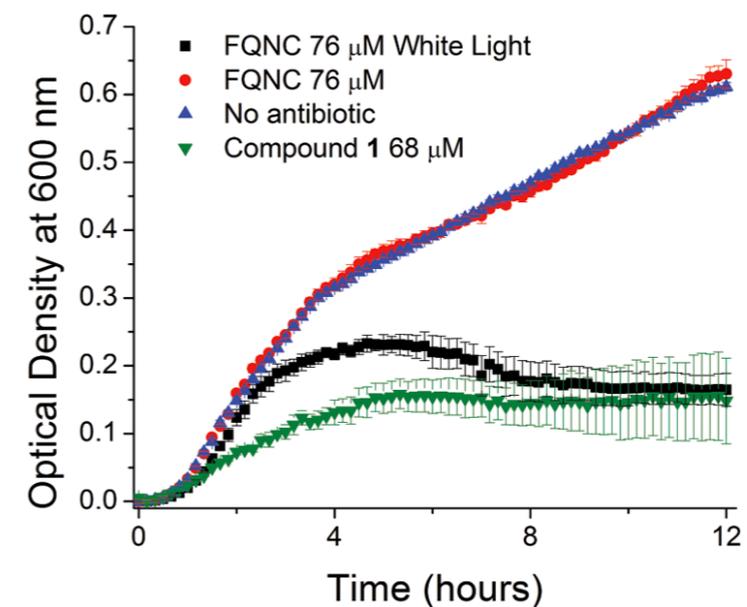
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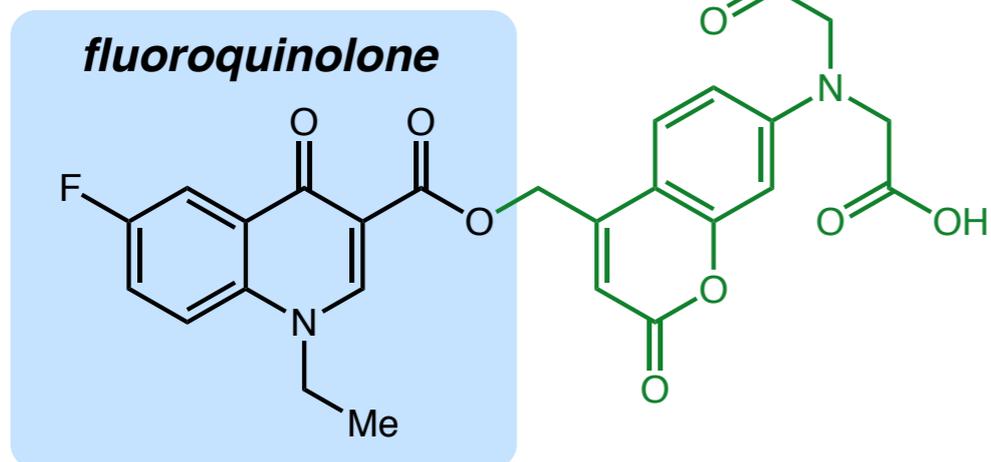
active for *S. aureus*

masked carboxylic acid  
interacts with transpeptidase

undergoes photocleavage under visible light



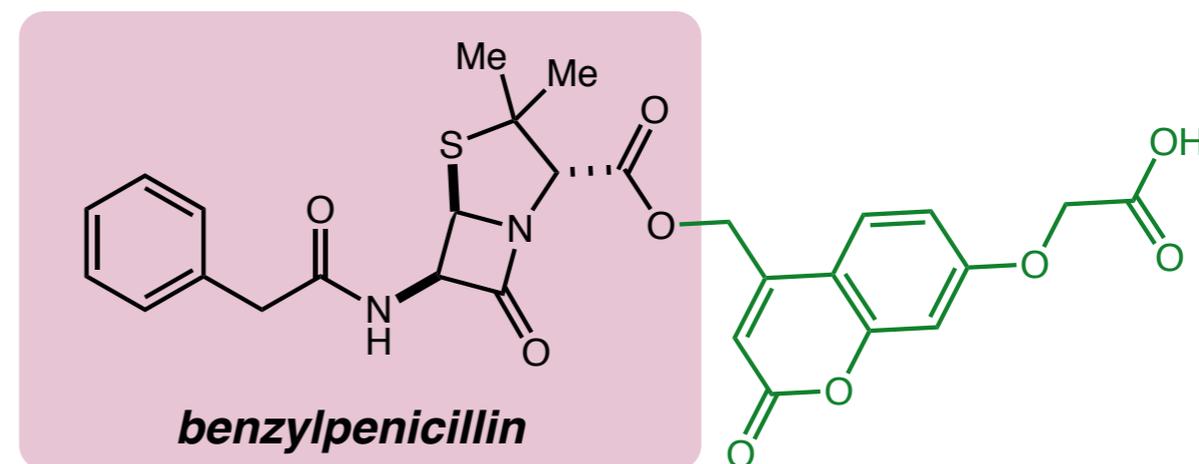
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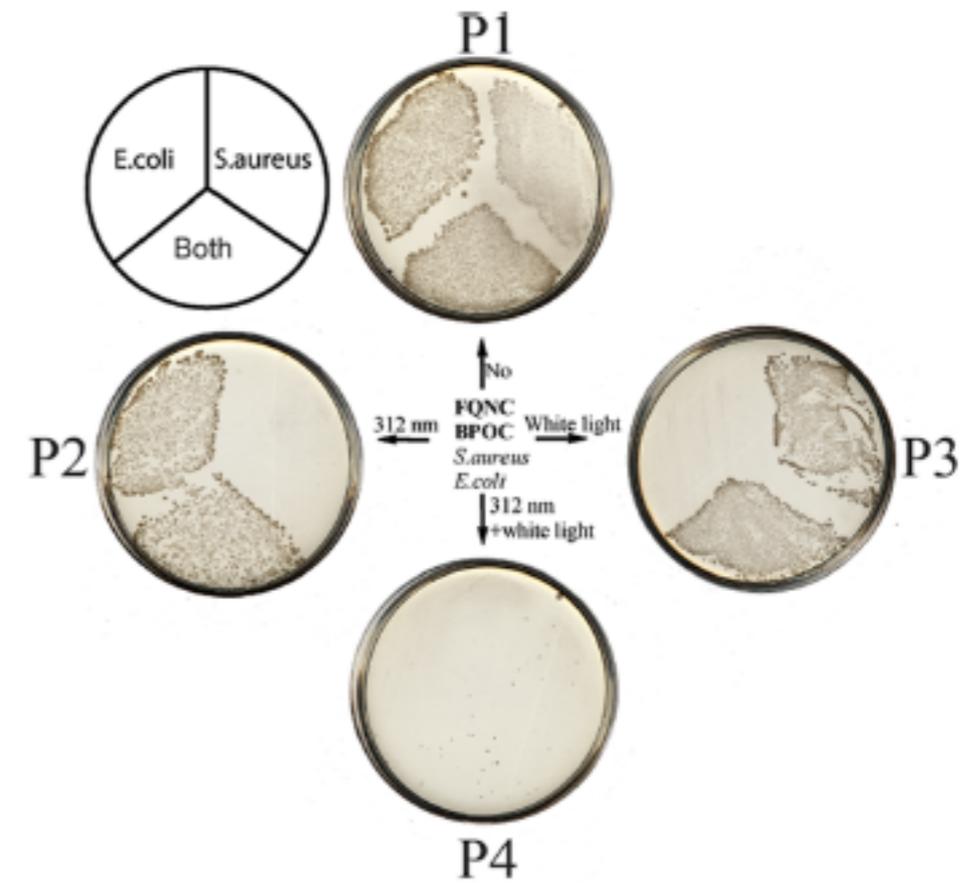
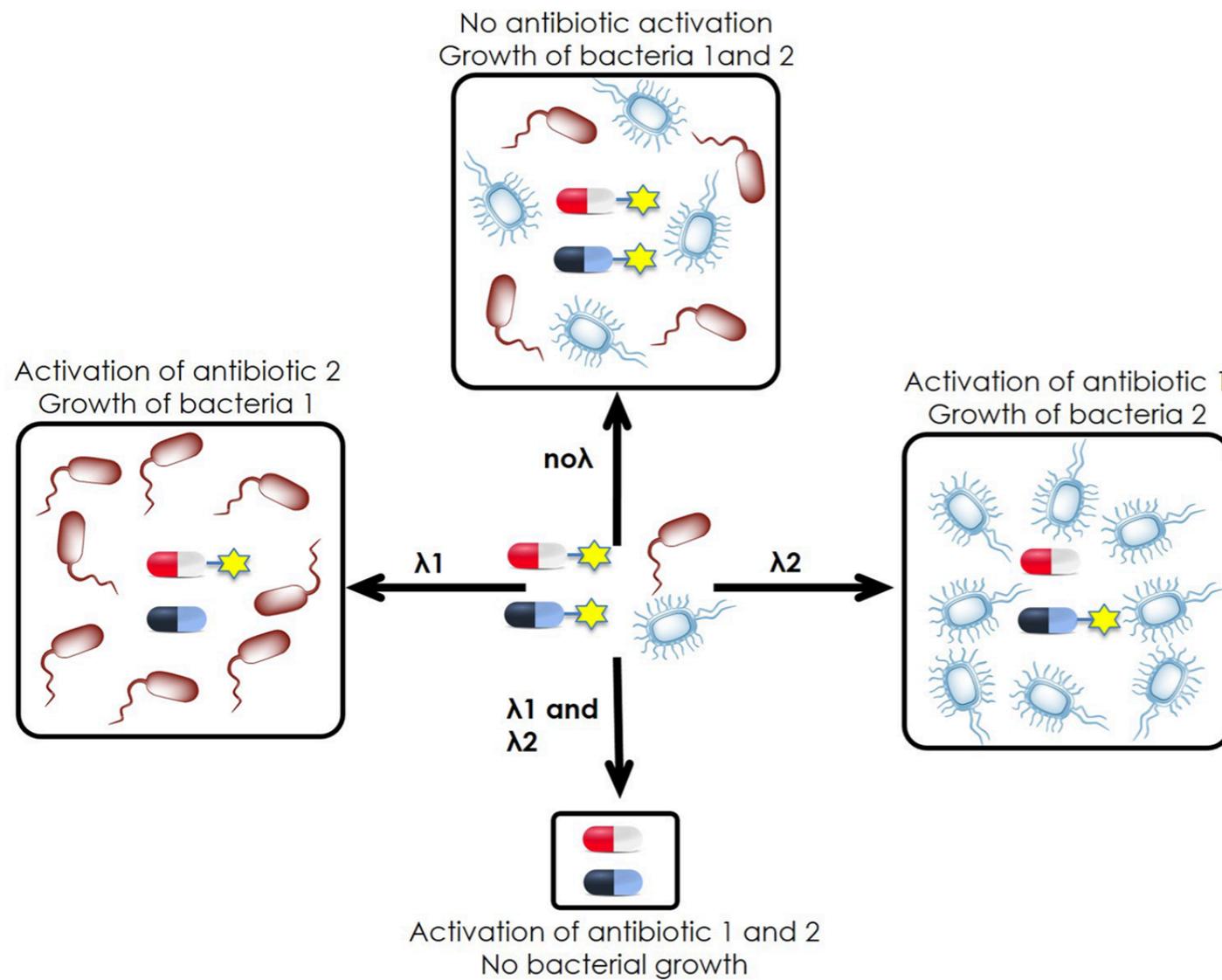
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Compound	MIC <i>E. coli</i> ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	MIC <i>S. aureus</i> ( $\mu\text{M}$ )
<b>1</b>	68	>1700
<b>2</b>	288	0.35

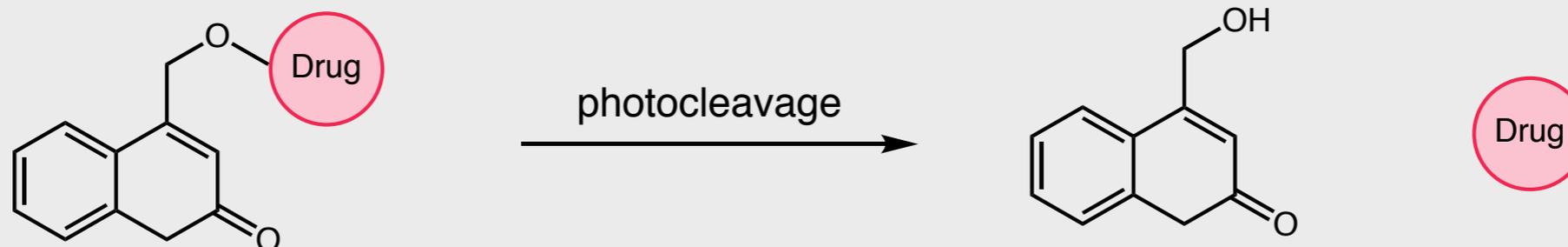
# Photocleavage



- **orthogonally addressable photocleavable groups**
- **allows complex mixtures of bacterial strains to be analyzed**
- **enables control of composition of microbial populations**

## Photocleavage: Targeted Drug Delivery to Cancer Cells

### Light as a control element for drug delivery

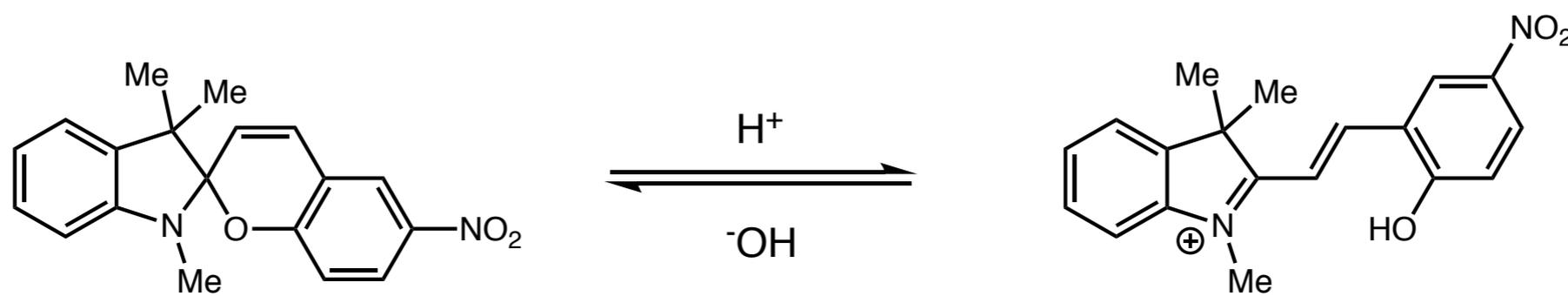


*easily tuned and highly specific trigger*

*spatial and temporal control*

Can we further increase the specificity of drug delivery to discriminate between cancer cells and healthy cells?

*acid-chromism of spiropyrans*

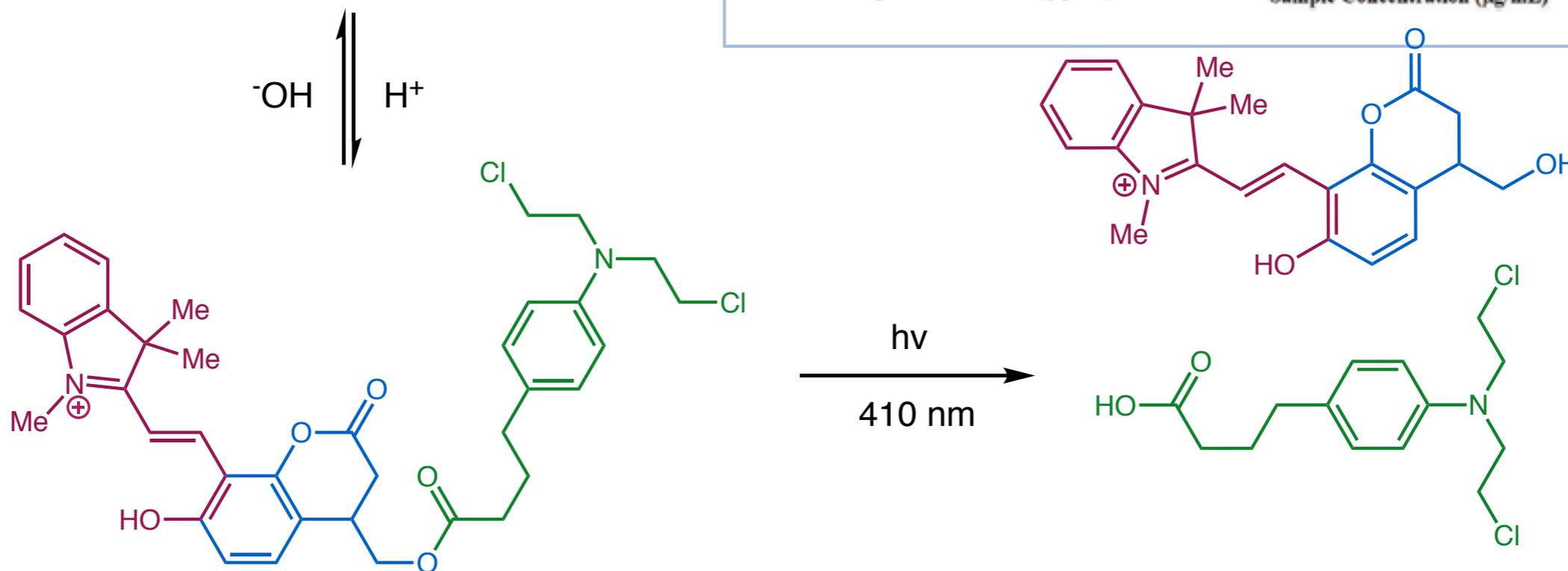
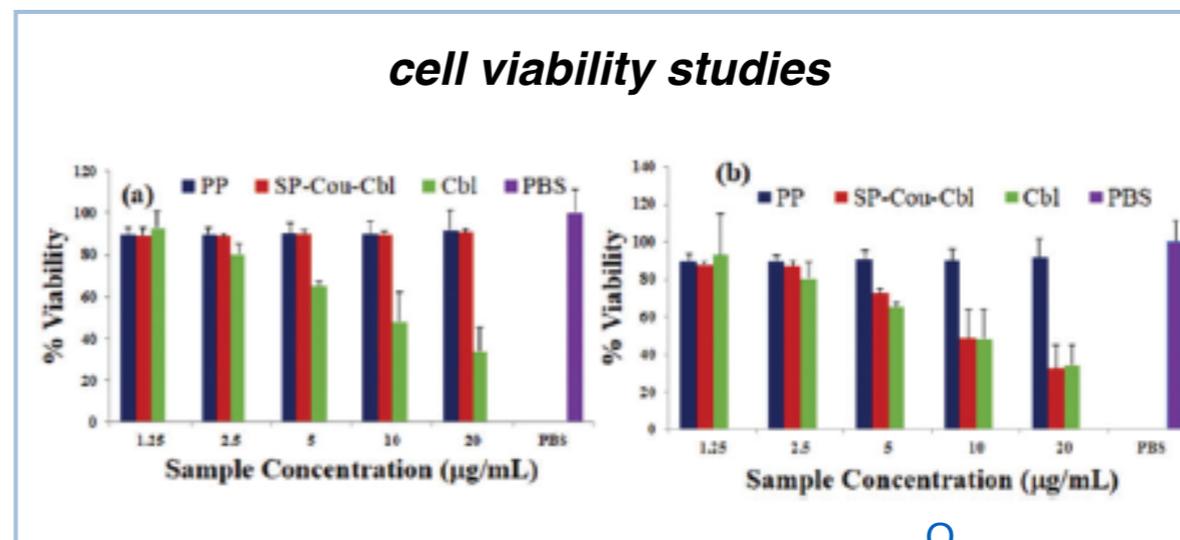
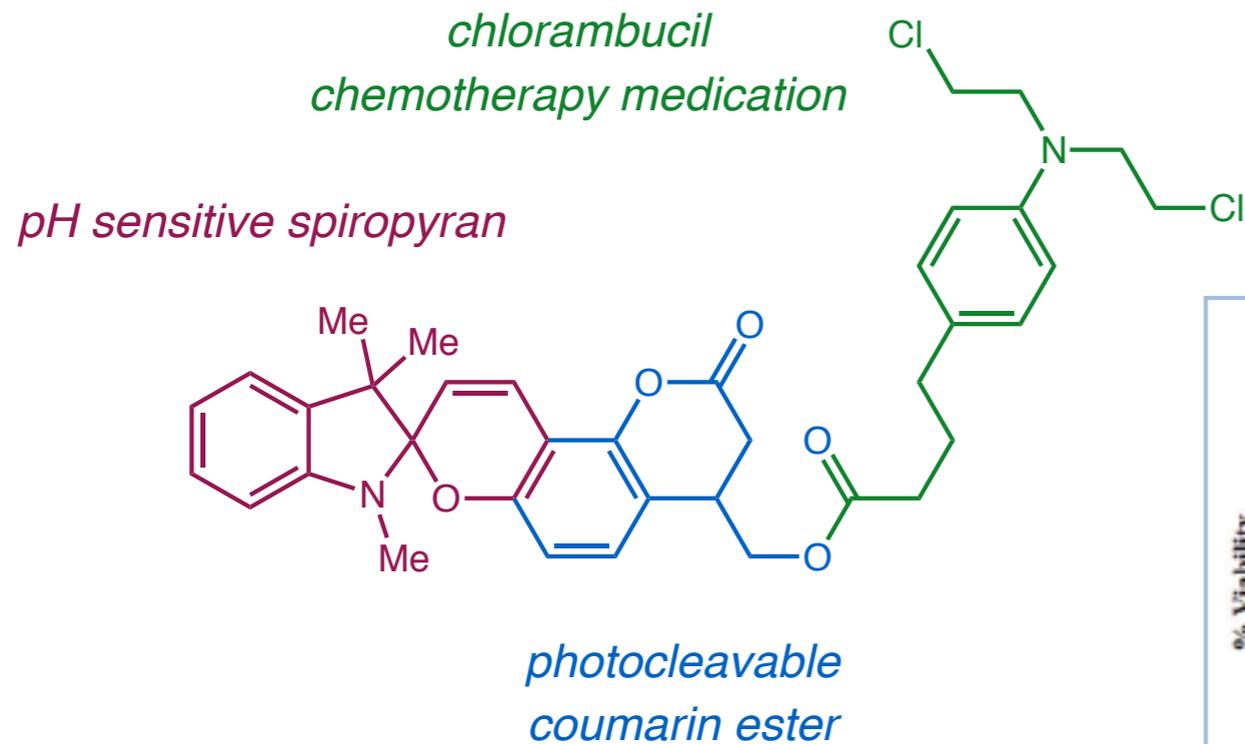


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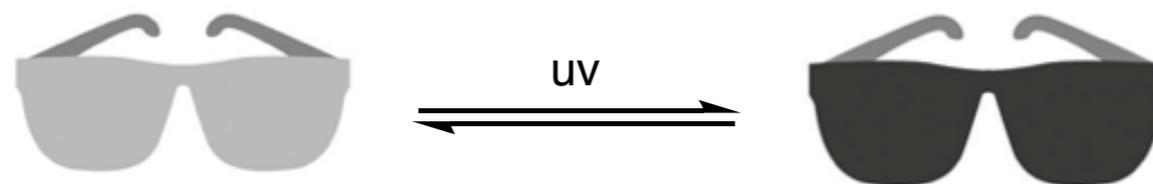
absorbs visible light

*cancer cells have a low pH microenvironment; pH responsiveness can be exploited*

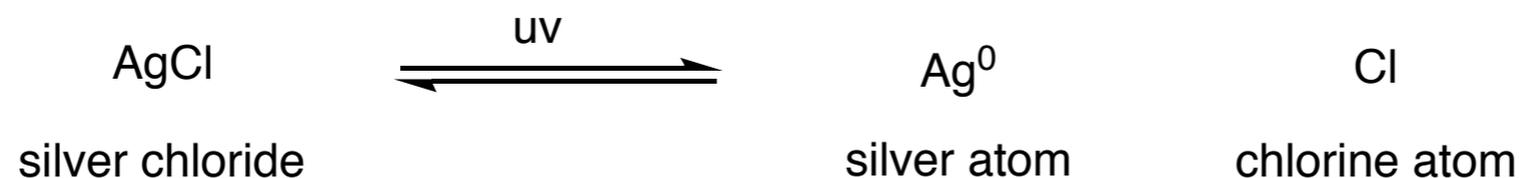
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# Photochromic Lenses



1960s technology: glass photochromic lenses



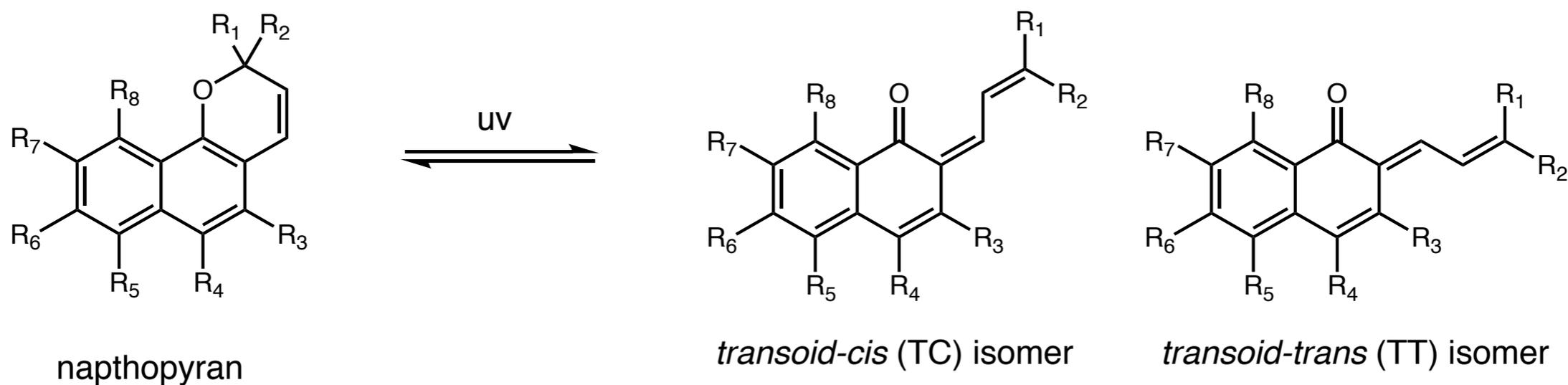
*aggregation of silver atoms into nanoparticles confers colour*

*products are metastable; revert to AgCl salt upon removal of light*

*Cu-doped AgCl is usually used to prevent loss of chlorine*

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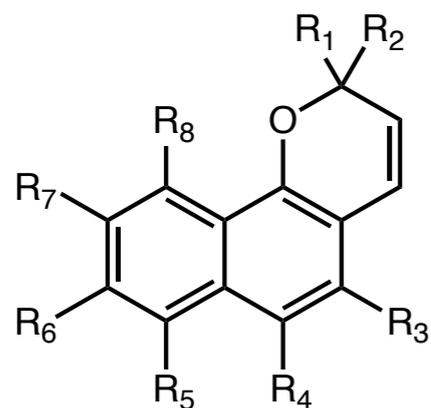
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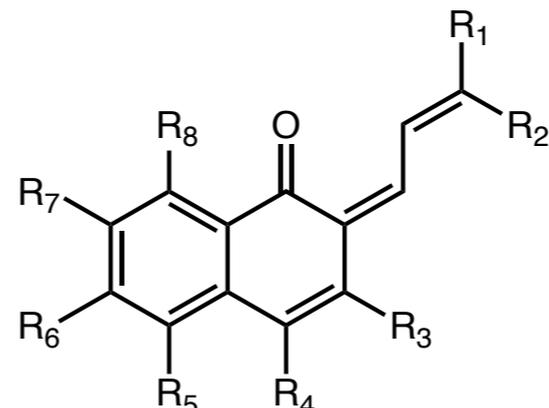
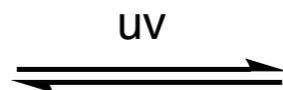
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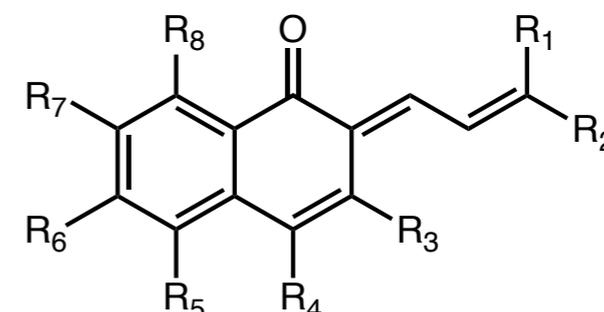
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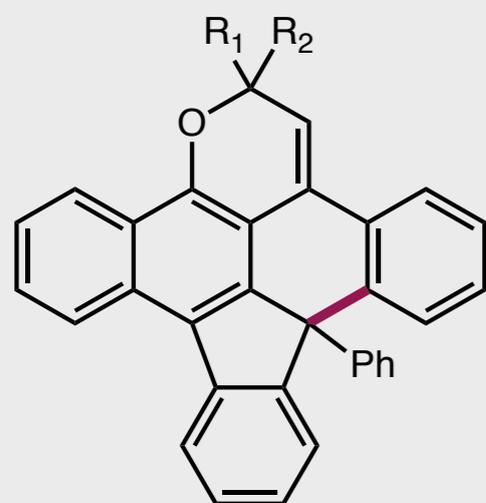
naphthopyran



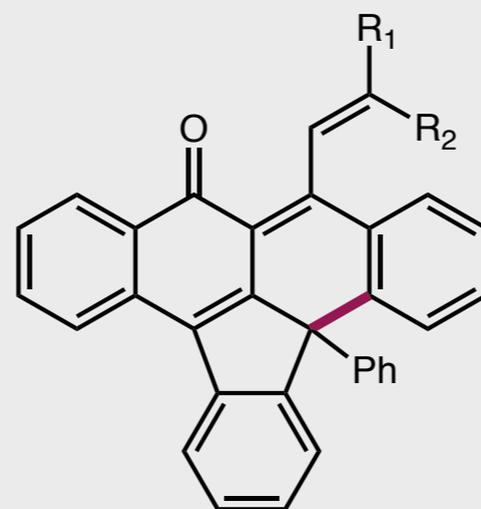
*transoid-cis* (TC) isomer  
**fast transition**



*transoid-trans* (TT) isomer  
**slow transition**



*fused naphthopyran isomer*  
**colourless**



*transoid-cis* (TC) isomer  
**fast transition**

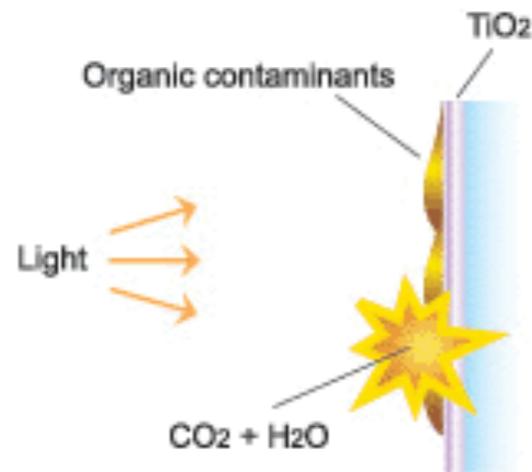
***only photocleavage product***

***t<sub>1/2</sub> = 63 ms at 20 °C***

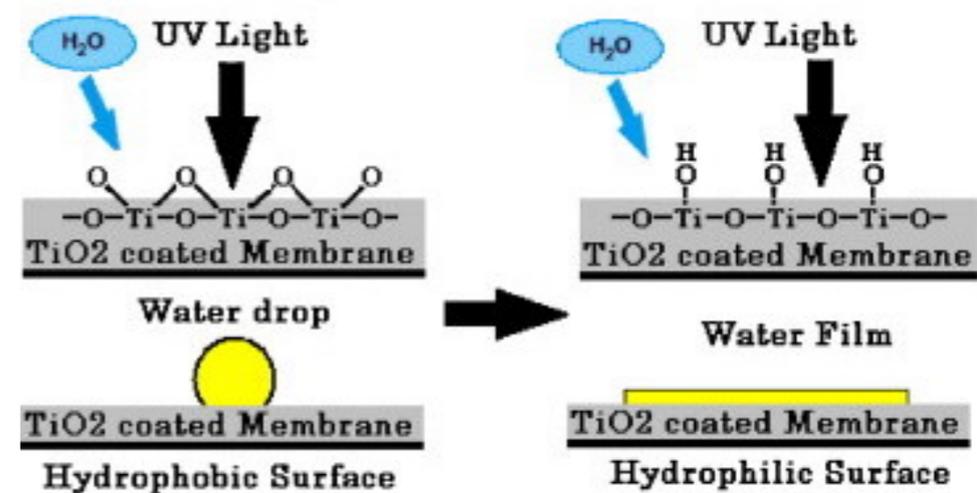
# Photocatalysts in Smart Materials

- $\text{TiO}_2$  has long been known to exhibit self-cleaning properties via two photocatalytic pathways

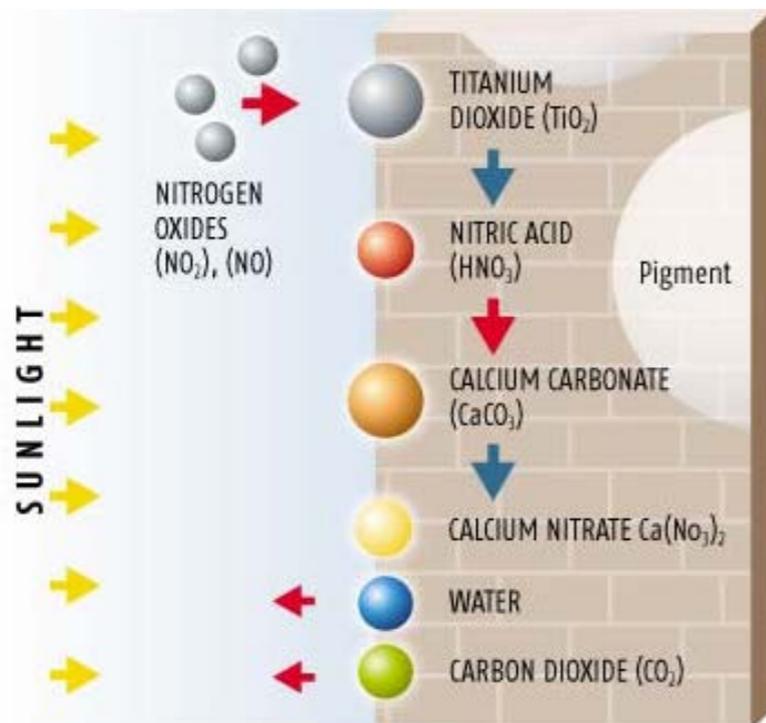
## Mechanism 1: Photodecomposition of contaminants



## Mechanism 2: Formation of superhydrophilic surface



- More recently,  $\text{TiO}_2$  has been found to react with fossil fuel pollutants such as  $\text{NO}_2$



*$\text{NO}_x$  molecules react photocatalytically with  $\text{TiO}_2$  to give nitric acid*

*nitric acid reacts with  $\text{CaCO}_3$  to give  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$*

*eco-friendly paint called EcoPaint*

*technology has also been adapted to for cement, named TioCem*

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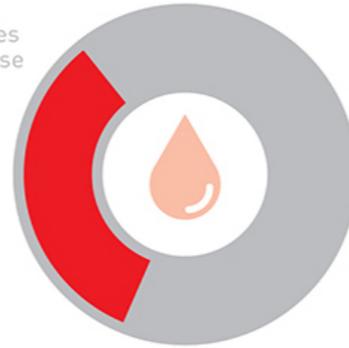
DIABETES IS  
ON THE RISE



**422** MILLION  
adults have diabetes

3.7 MILLION  
deaths due to diabetes  
and high blood glucose

1.5 MILLION  
deaths caused  
by diabetes



THAT'S 1 PERSON IN 11



## ECONOMIC COSTS



The total cost of diabetes  
and prediabetes in the U.S. is  
**\$322 billion.**



The average price of  
insulin increased nearly  
**3x**  
between 2002 and 2013.



People with diabetes have  
health care costs  
**2.3x greater**  
than those  
without diabetes.

## Current treatments for diabetes

- **“open-loop” insulin delivery based on patient self-administration**
- **suffers from inaccuracy of dose control**
- **overdose can lead to fatal hypoglycemia**
  
- **increasing interest in “closed-loop” delivery e.g. “artificial pancreas”**
- **typically involve electronic sensors which suffer from high costs**

current attempts to implement non-electronic closed-loop insulin delivery

**centred around the use of glucose oxidase (GOD) or Concanavalin A (a sugar binding lectin)**

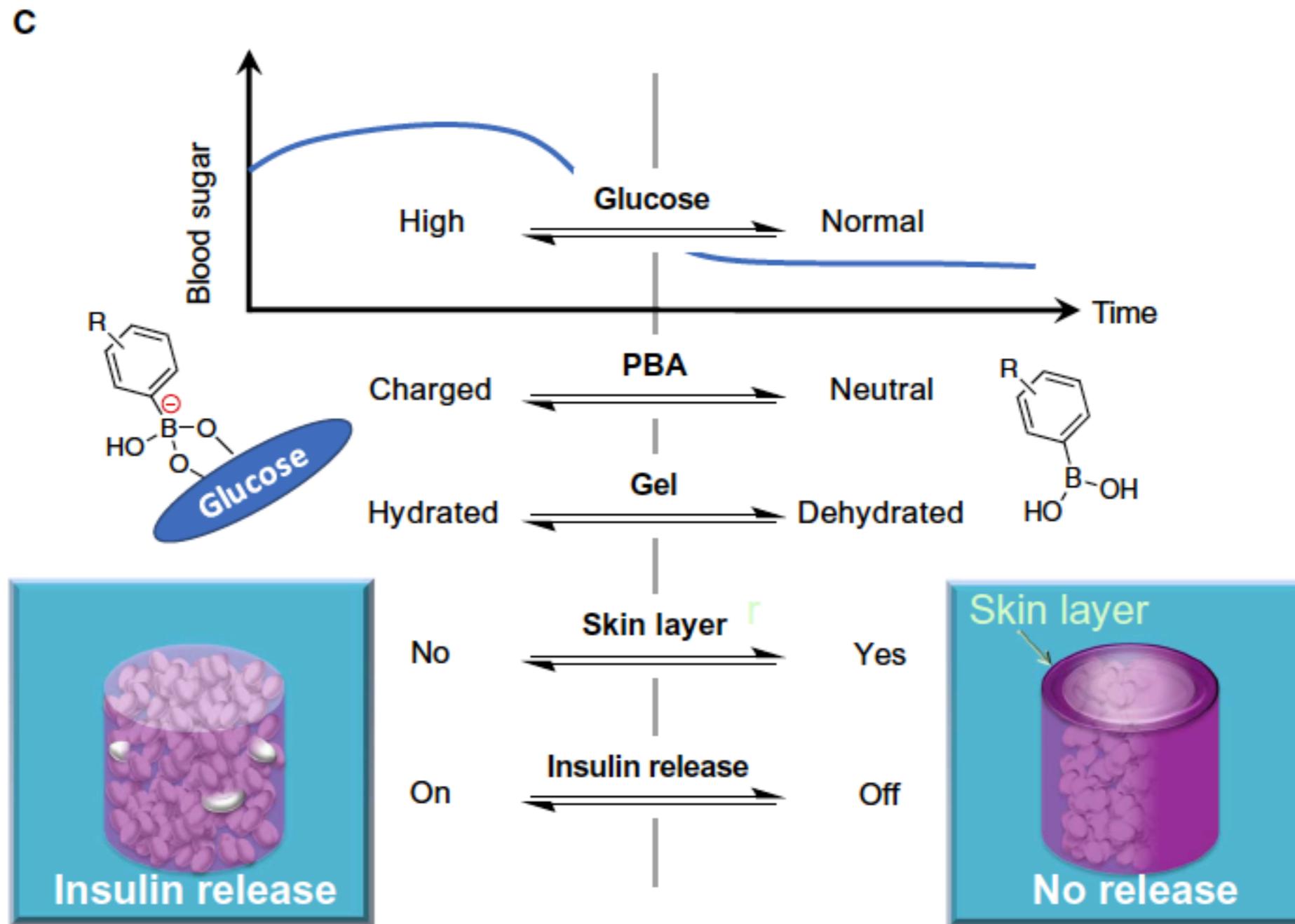
**protein-based materials are not amenable for long-term use due to denaturation and cytotoxicity**

**can we design an artificial pancreas that circumvents electronic sensors and proteinaceous materials?**



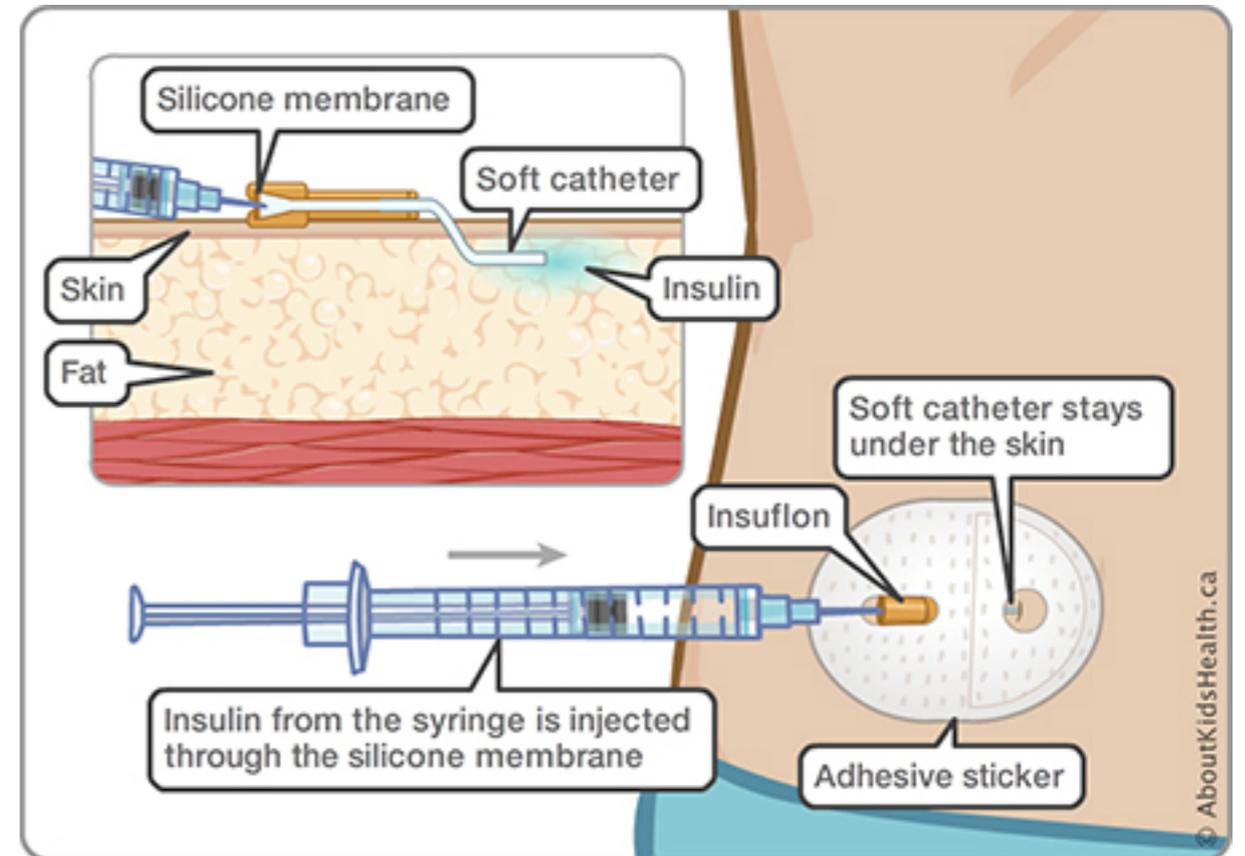
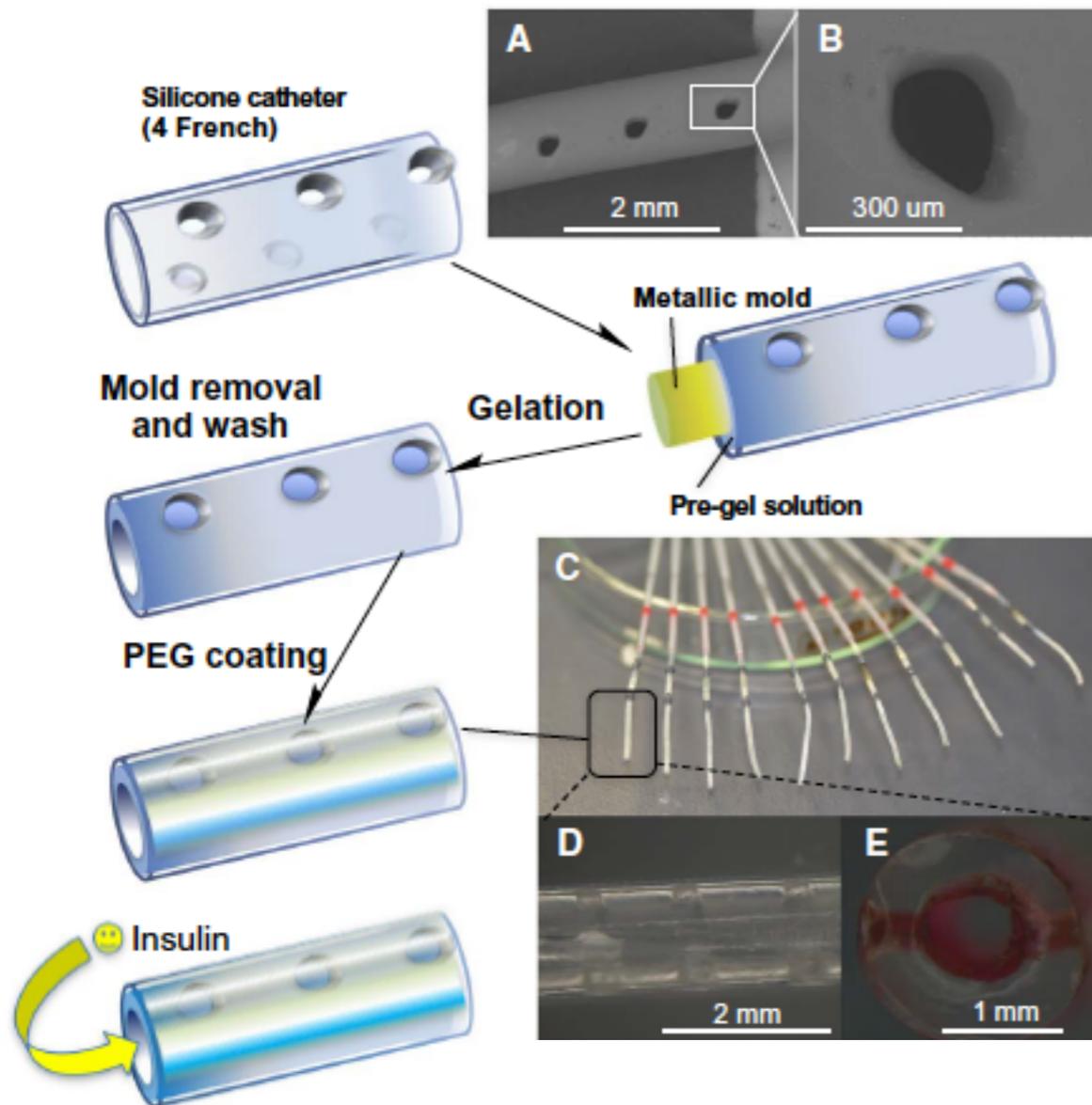
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## Mechanism of glucose-responsive smart gel



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## ■ Device structure



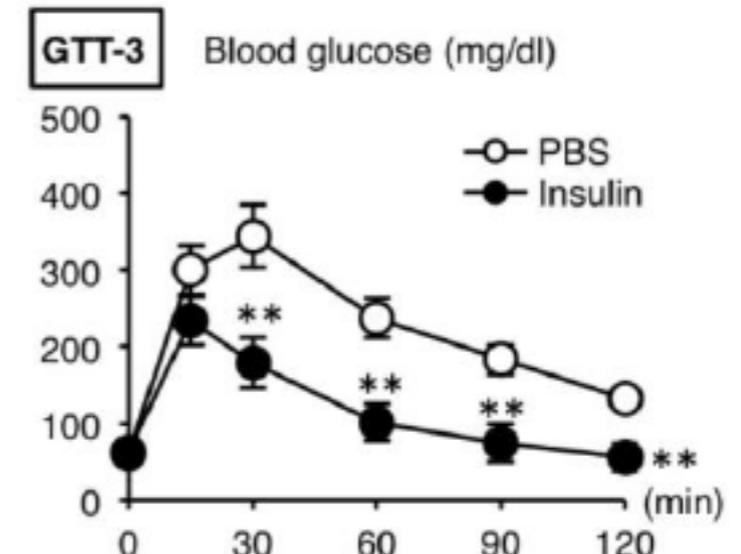
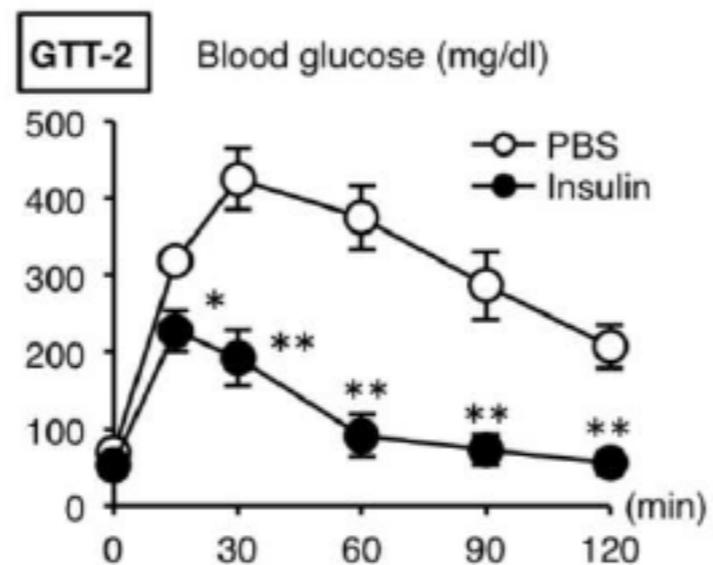
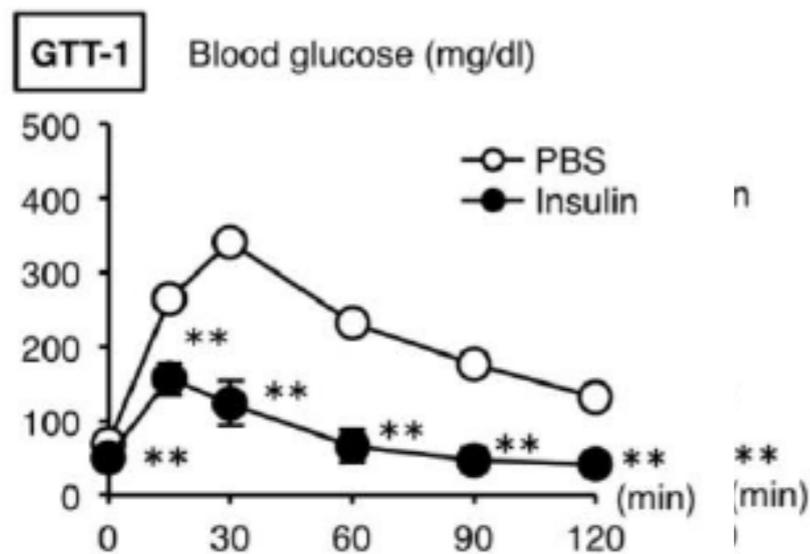
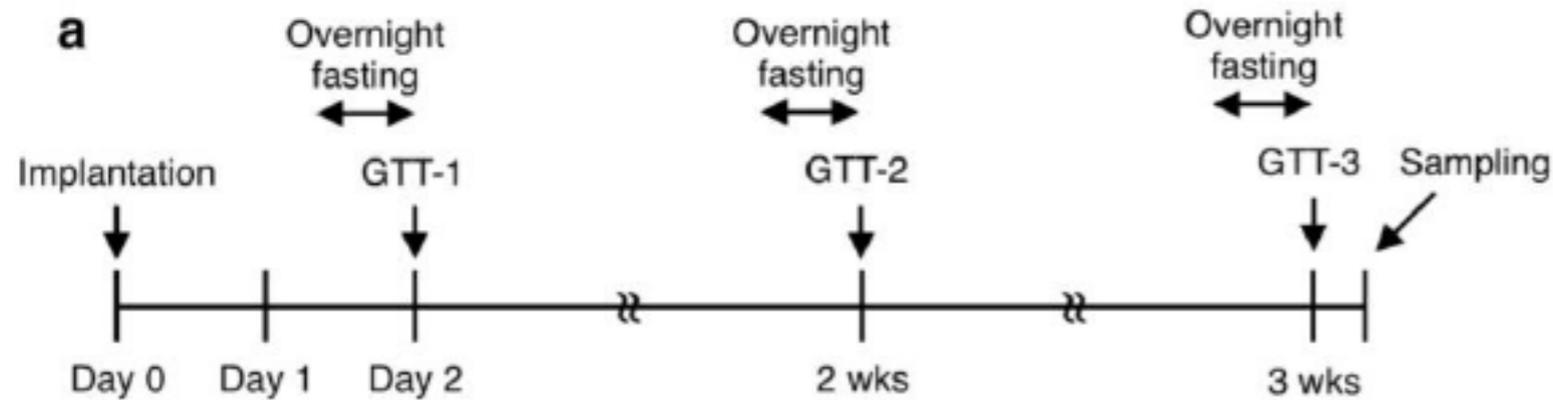
***no electronics and no proteinaceous materials involved***

# Smart Gel for Glucose-Responsive Insulin Delivery

## ■ Efficacy of glucose-responsive smart gel

GTT = glucose tolerance test

3g / kg body weight of glucose was injected



**Efficacy of insulin delivery in response to blood glucose levels is maintained over 3 weeks**

# *Sea Cucumber Inspired Intracortical Implants*

## ***what are intracortical implants?***

*implants that replace neural circuitry in that brain that no longer functions appropriately*

*contain microelectrodes which act as electrical contacts to bridge neural cells*

*wide variety of potential uses, ranging from the restoration of vision to the treatment of dementia*

## ***current challenges***

*functionality of current electrodes decrease over time*

*attributed to neuron degradation and foreign body encapsulation*

*due to mismatch between mechanical properties of electrode and brain tissue*

## ***proposed solution***

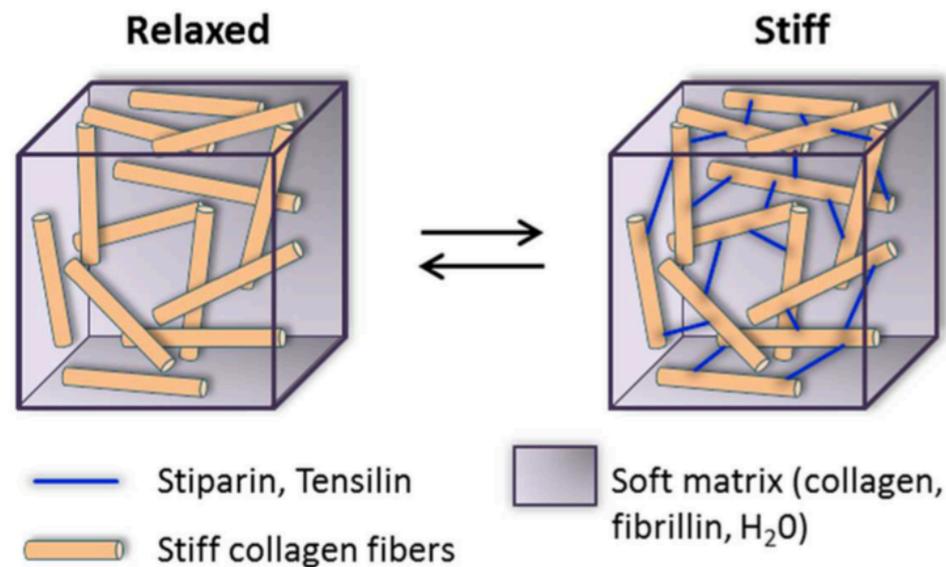
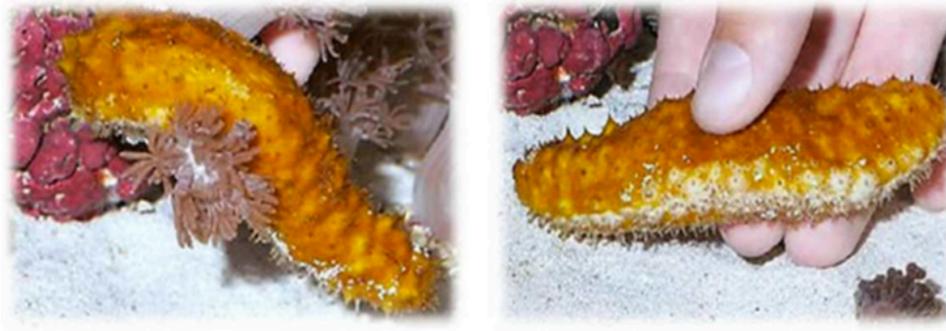
*development of mechanically adaptive implants*

*rigid to facilitate implantation; soften upon exposure to physiological conditions*

*aim to reduce inflammatory response of surrounding tissue*

# Sea Cucumber Inspired Intracortical Implants

- Sea cucumber defends itself by stiffening its usually flexible dermis



in the presence of predators, glycoprotein stiparin, a stiffening agent is absorbed from extracellular matrix



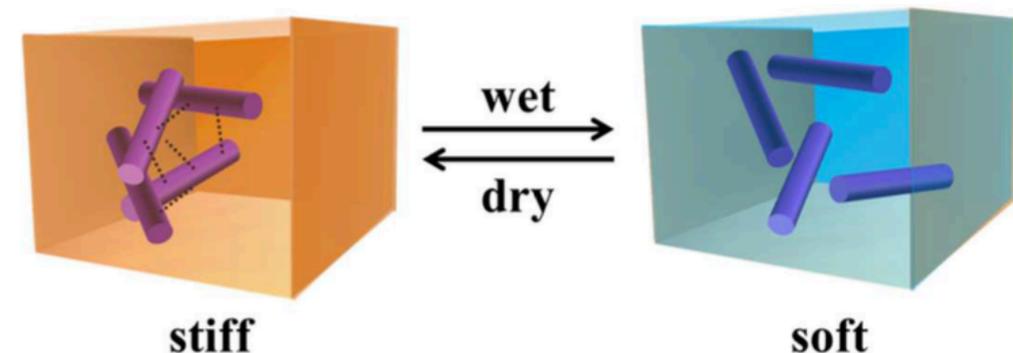
stiparin bridges the collagen fibers, causing rapid aggregation



elastic modulus of dermis increases from 5 MPa to 50 MPa

*H-bonding between surface hydroxyl groups of cellulose nanocrystals can be disrupted by water molecules*

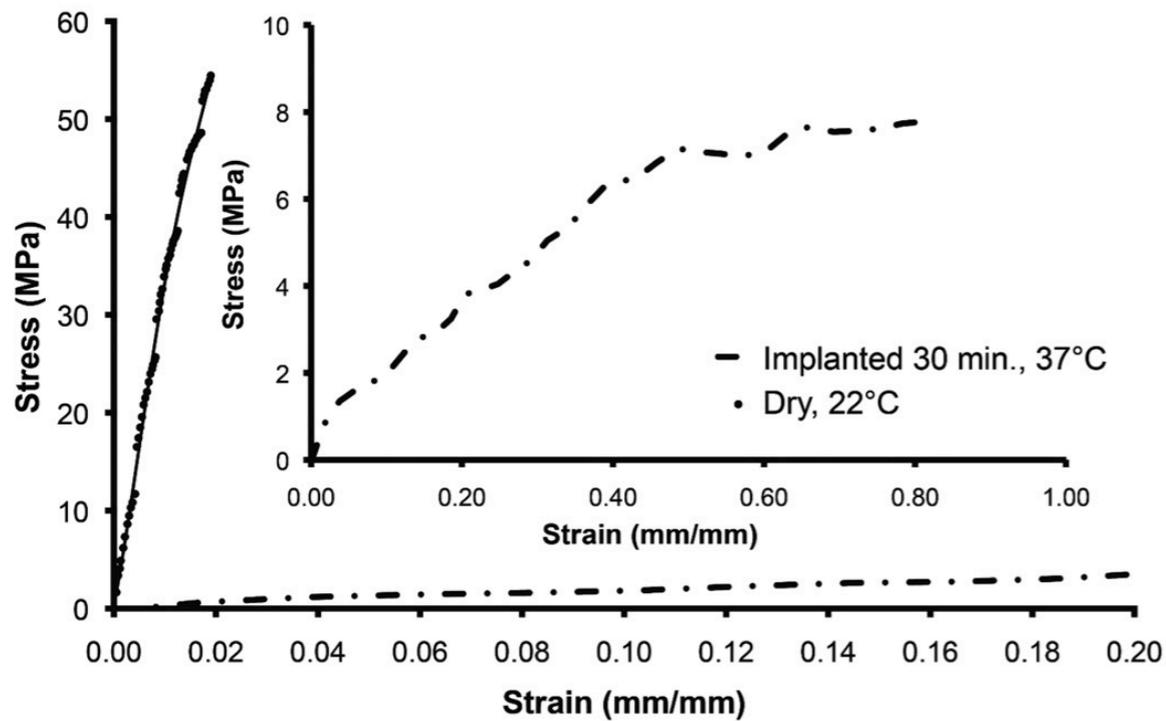
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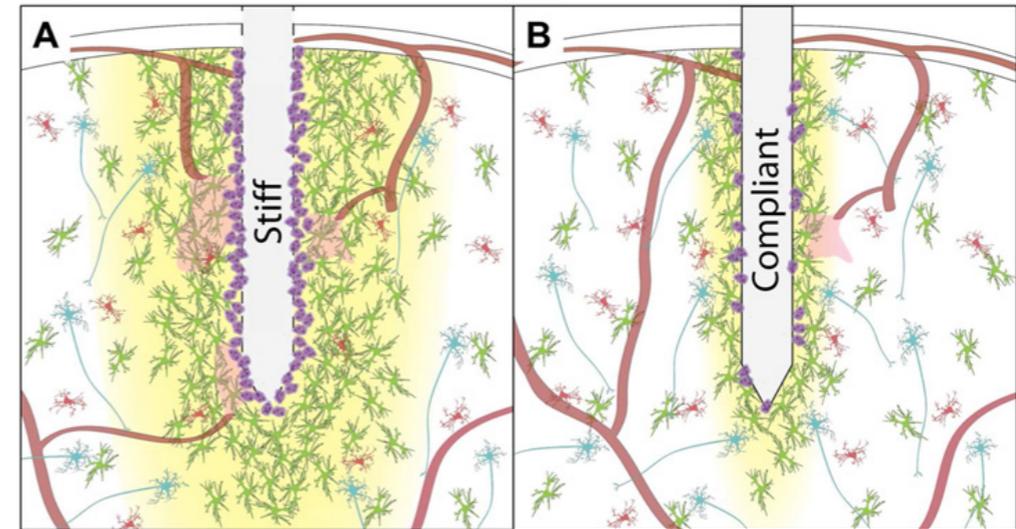
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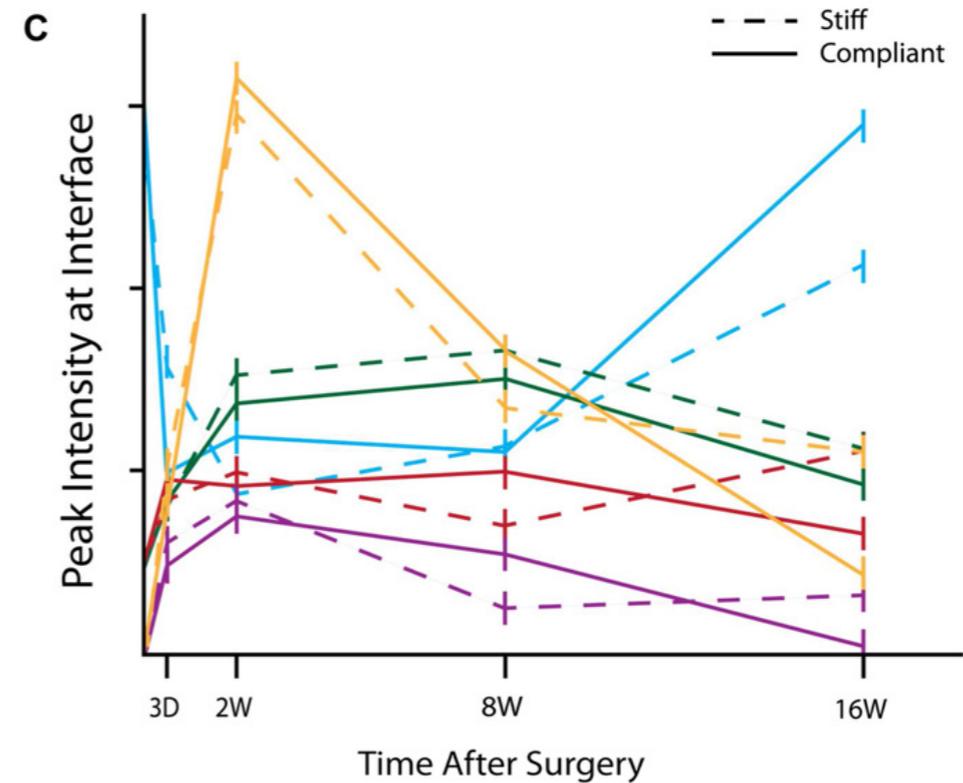
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**elastic modulus of cellulose nanocrystal containing implants (in a PVAc matrix) decreased 100x upon implantation in artificial cerebral spinal fluid**



Neurons Reactive Astrocytes IBA-1+ Cells CD68+ Cells IgG



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# Electrochromic Smart Windows

**Electrochromic windows: windows that change colour in response to applied potential difference**

## why electrochromic windows?

**71% of electricity consumed in the US is from buildings**

**more than 30% of this load comes from indoor heating/cooling**

**darkening of windows can help to block heat transfer**

**environmentally friendly; up to 40% cost savings**

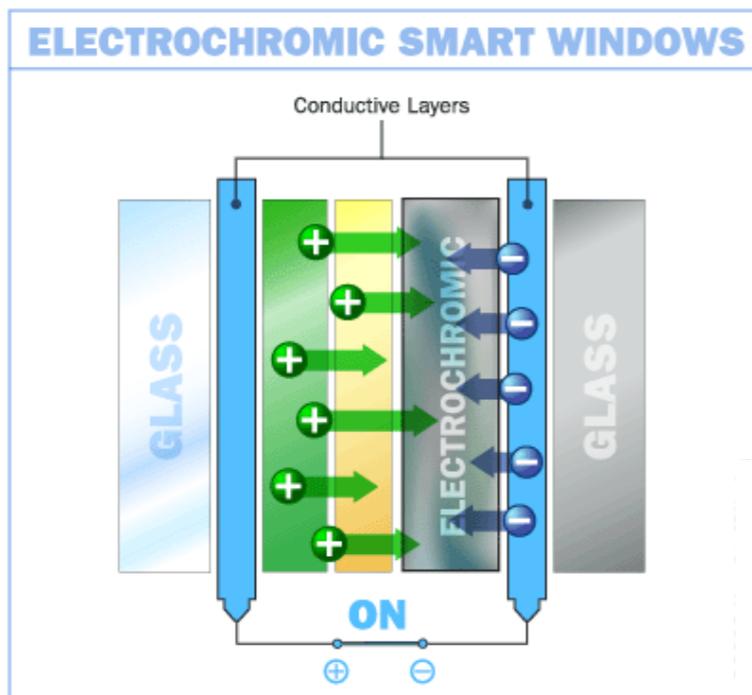
## Desirable Properties

*fast switching speed*

*high cycling stability*

*mid-cycle stability*

*low manufacturing cost*



## current technologies and limitations

metal oxides



slow switching

viologens



sensitivity to UV

polymer dispersed liquid crystals



“on” state requires applied voltage

conjugated conducting polymers



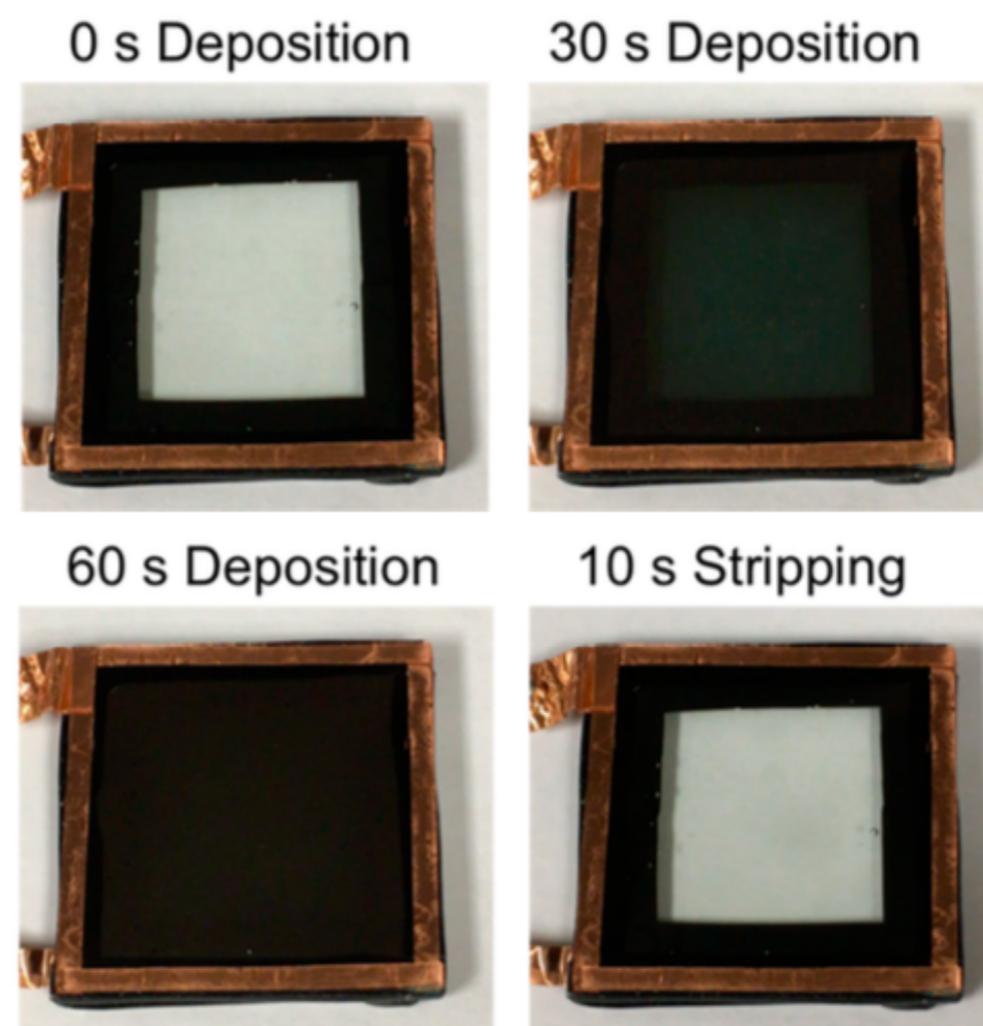
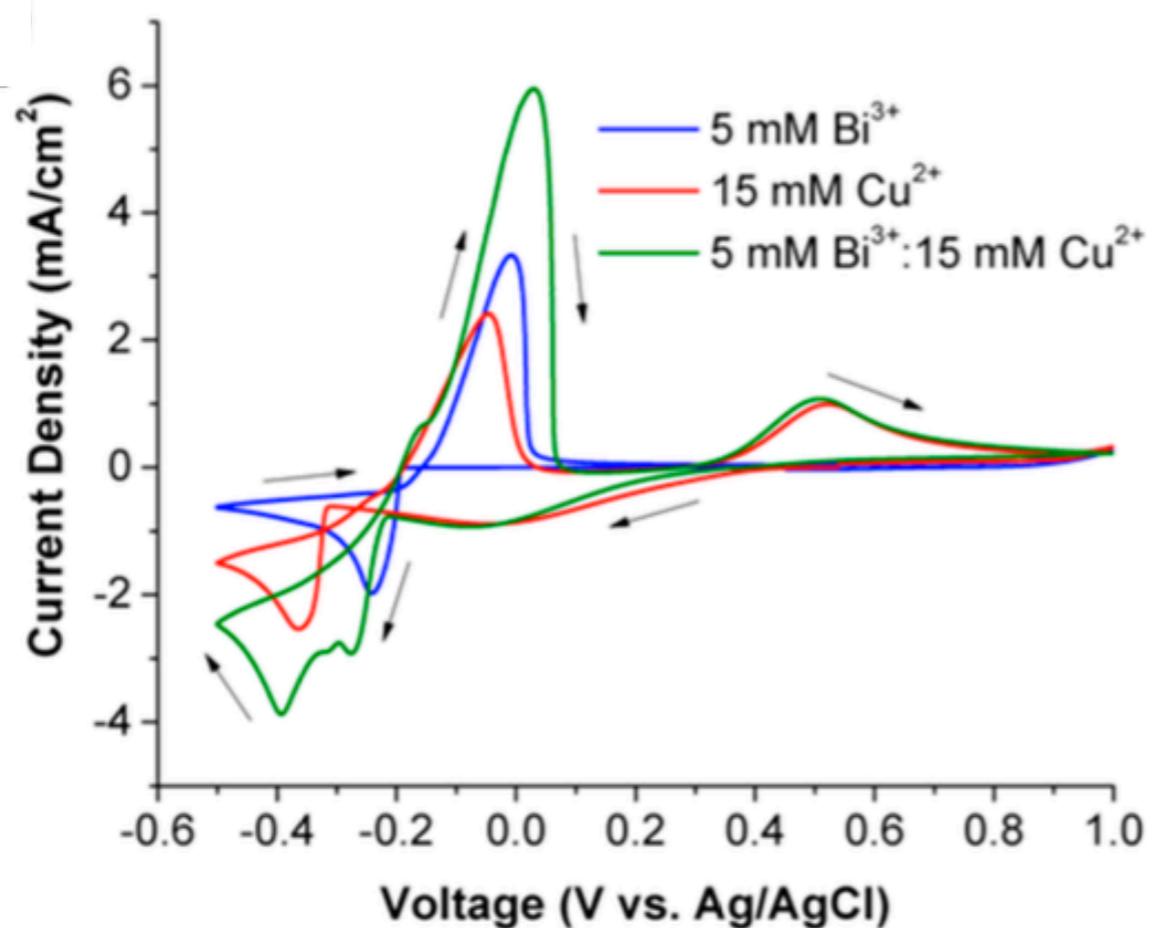
mostly coloured in both states

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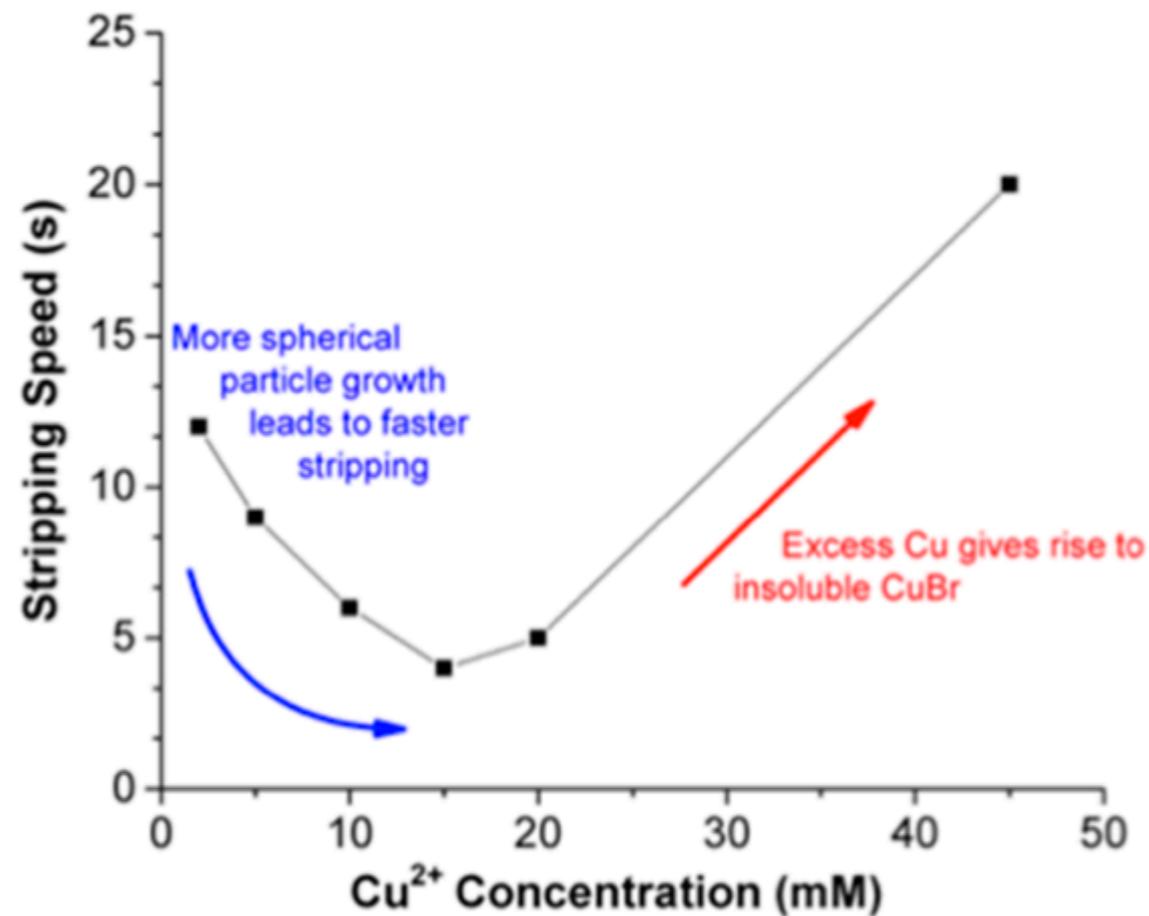
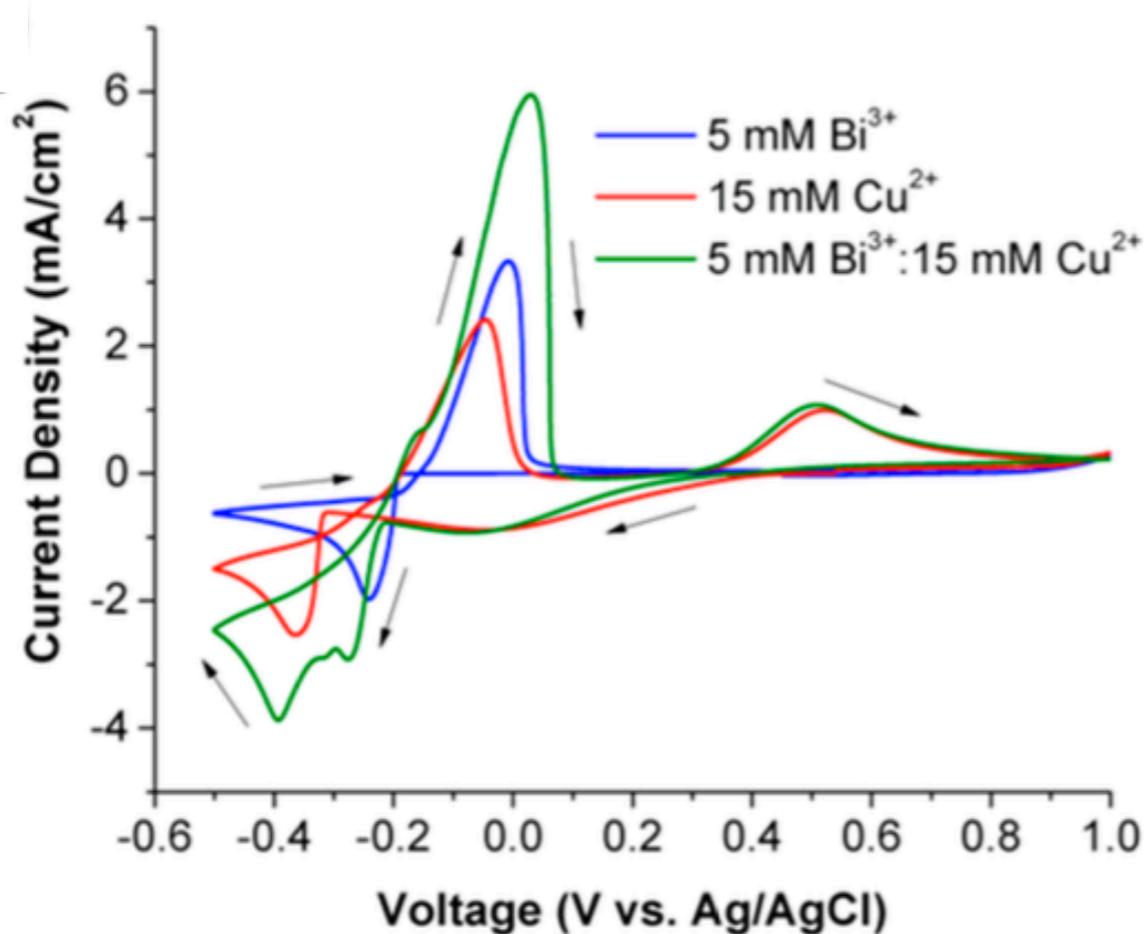


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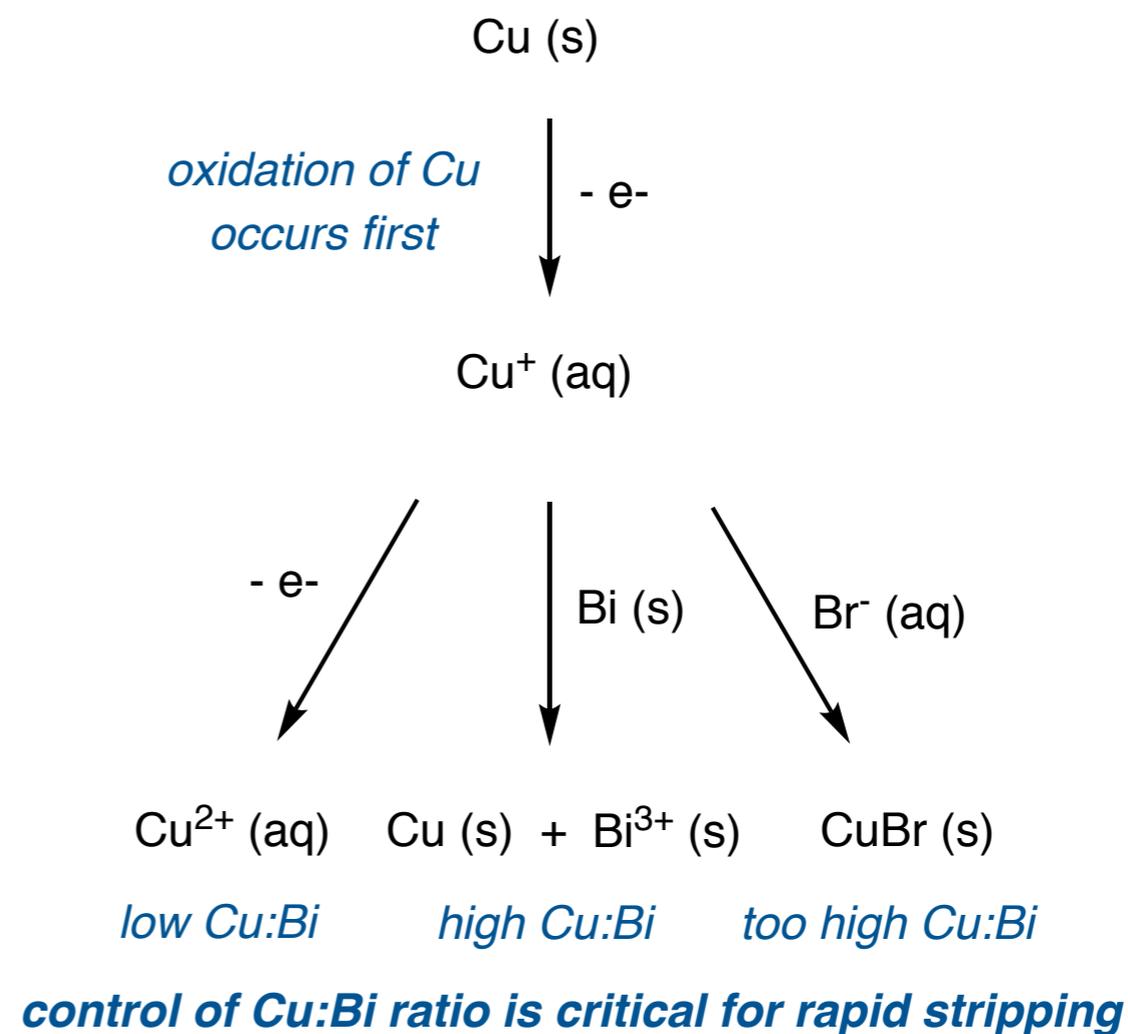
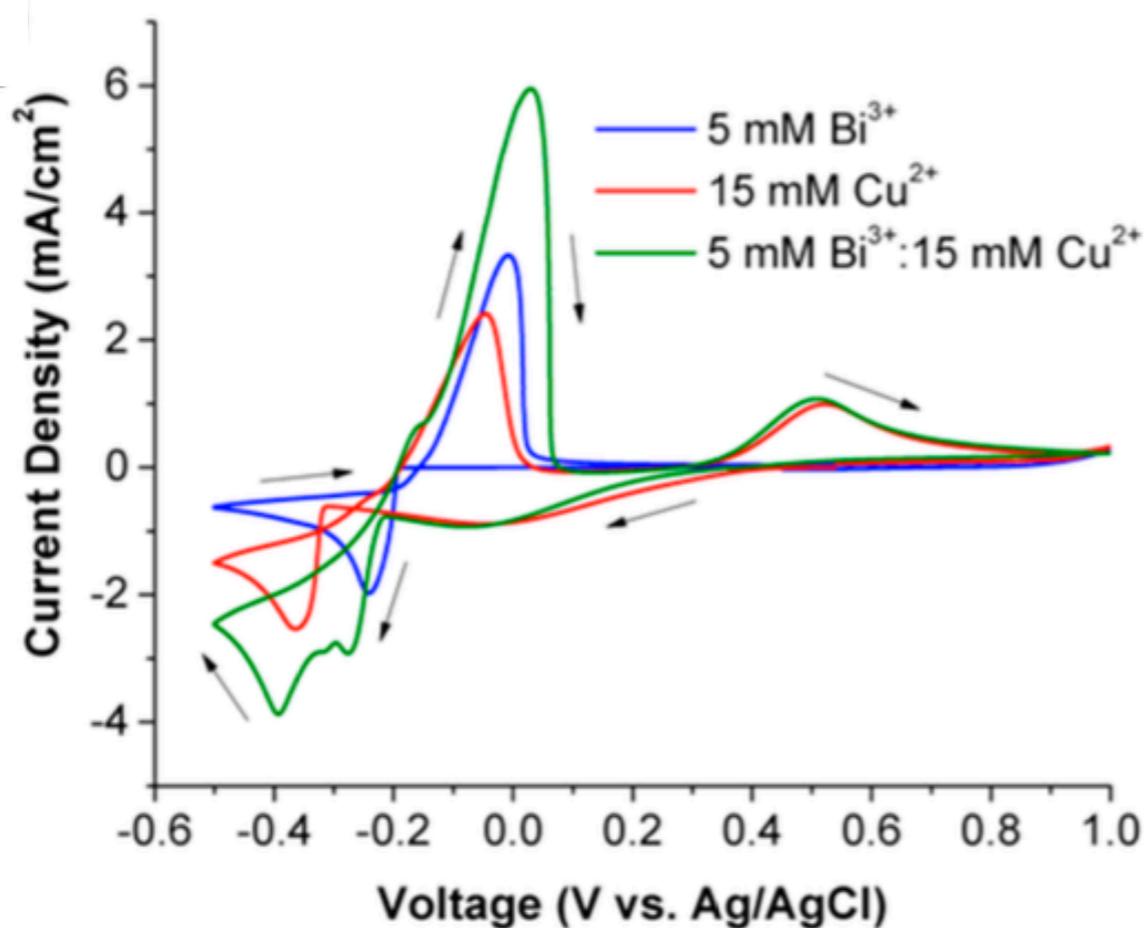


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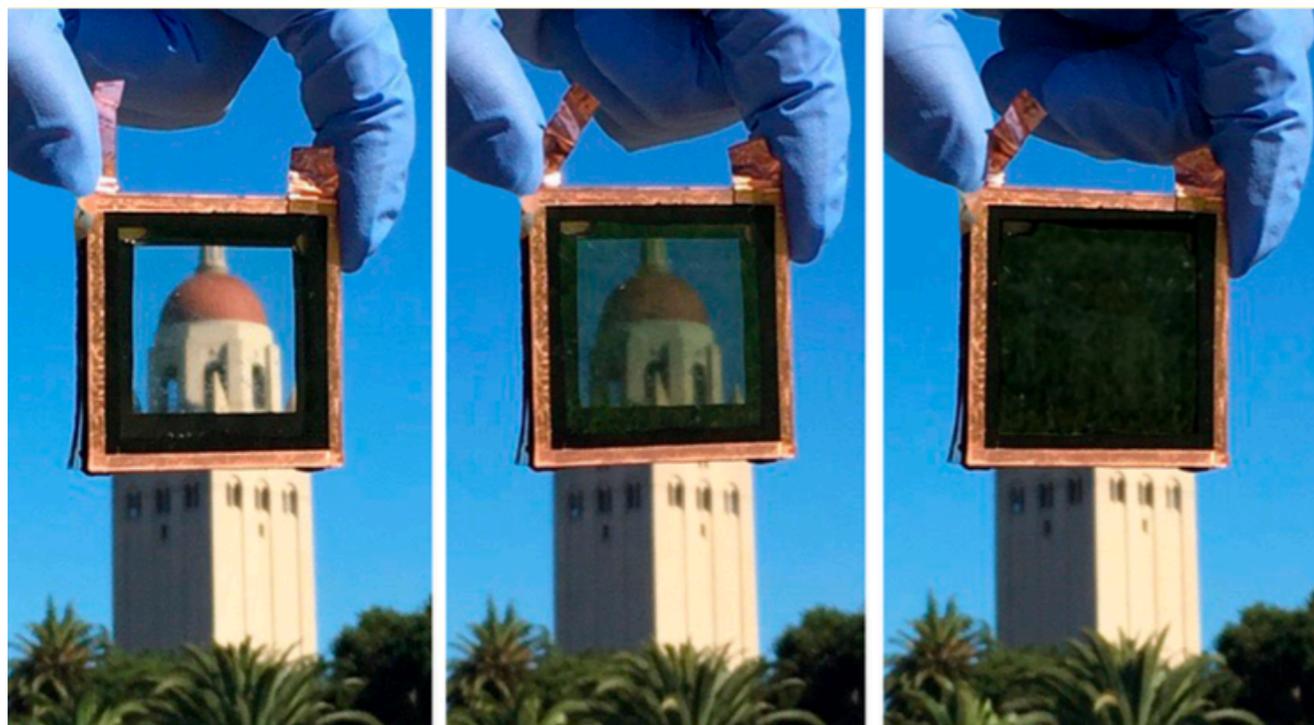
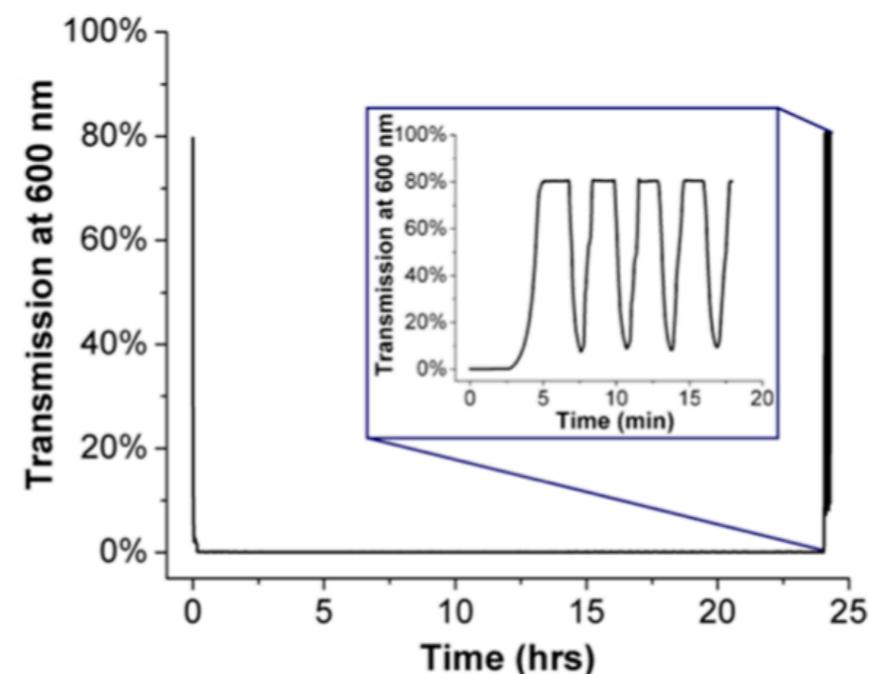
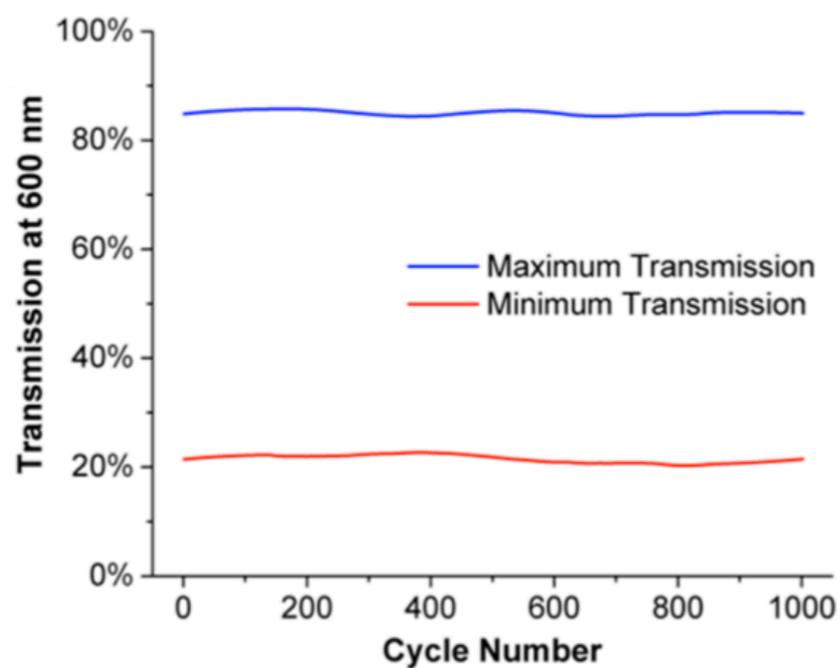
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**5cm x 5cm prototype**

**60 s deposition**

**10 s stripping**

**transmission easily controlled**

# Dynamic Camouflage via Plasmonic Tuning

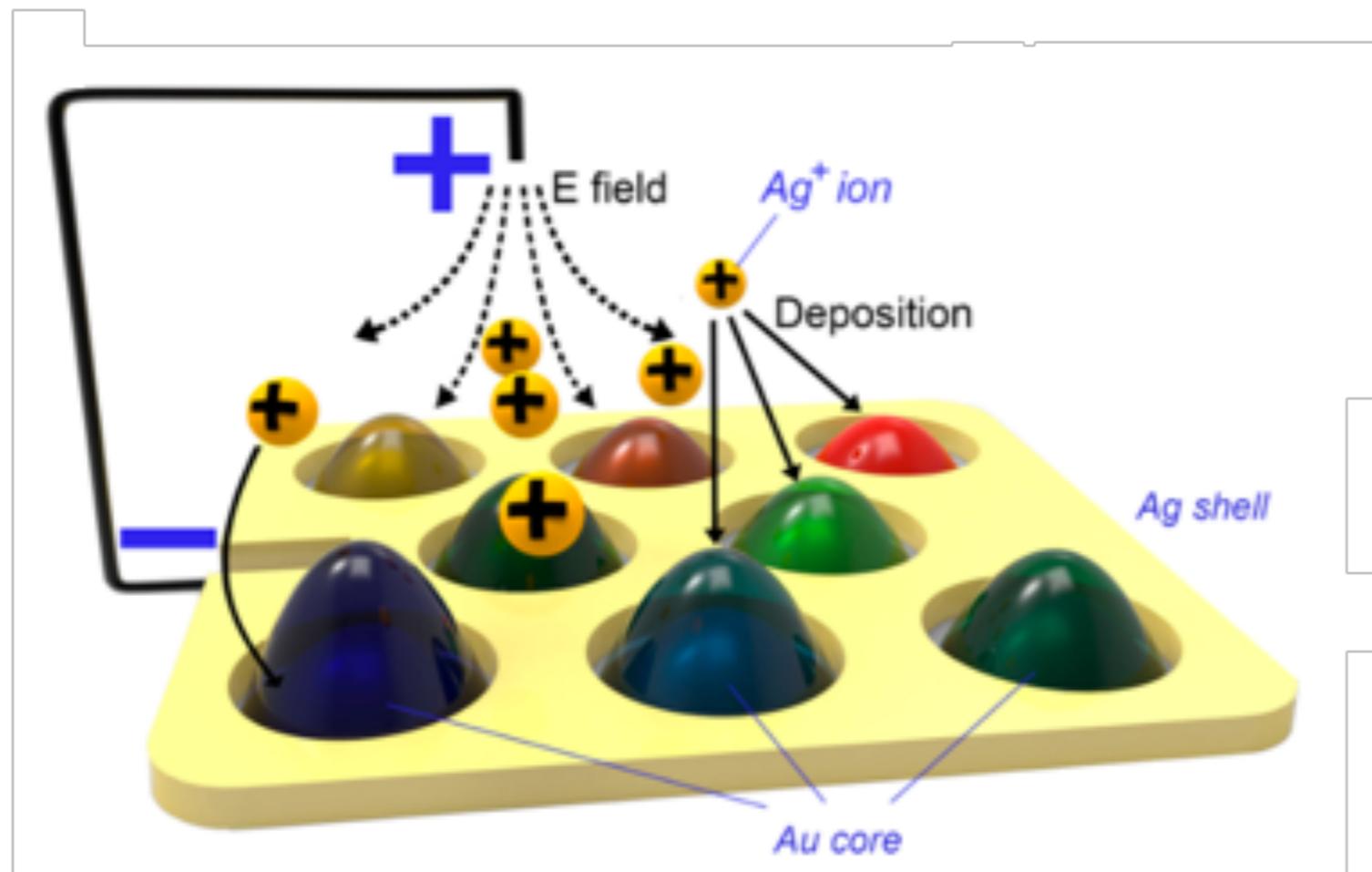
**Plasmon: a quanta of plasma oscillations**

**Plasma oscillations: rapid oscillations of electron density in conducting media like metals**

**optical properties of plasmonic metal-nanostructures are highly sensitive to material thickness**

**can we exploit reversible electrodeposition to control optical properties in real time?**

## Device Synthesis & Design



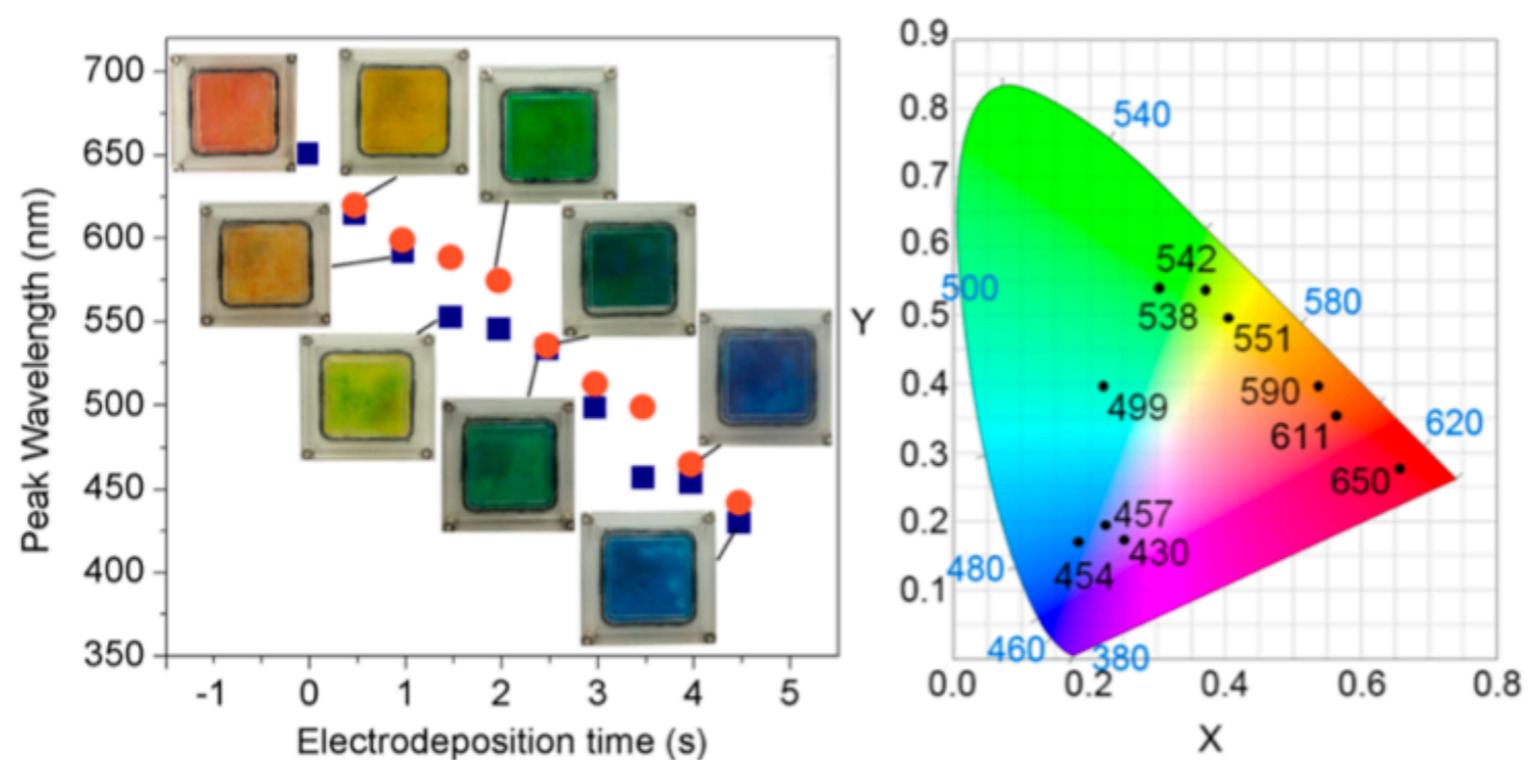
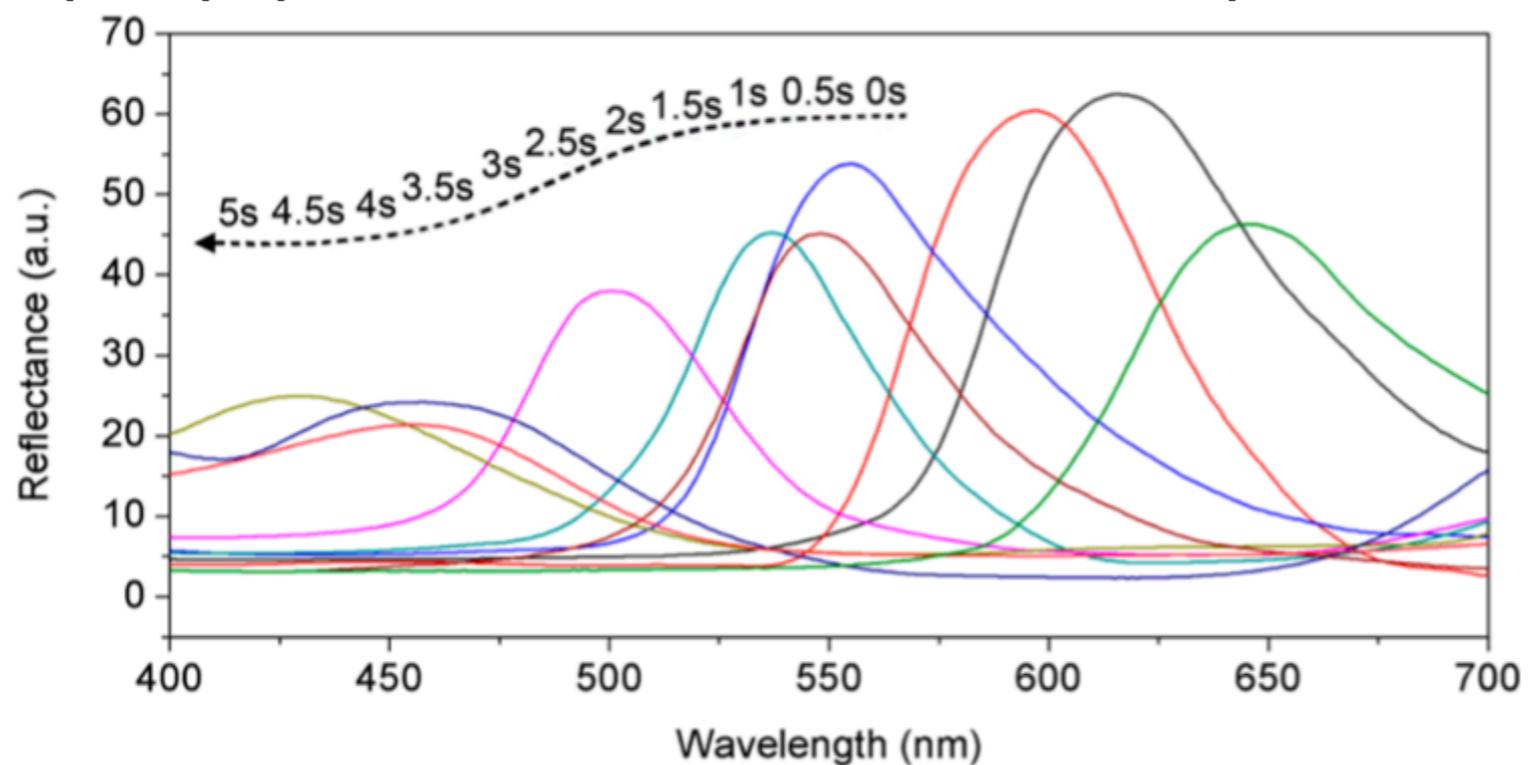
1. nanoholes are etched into  $\text{SiO}_2/\text{ITO}$  glass by complete etching of  $\text{SiO}_2$

2. Au core is deposited, creating an array of Au nanodomes

3. Au nanodomes are filled with gel electrolyte containing  $\text{Ag}^+$  ions

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Optical properties of device as a function of electrodeposition time

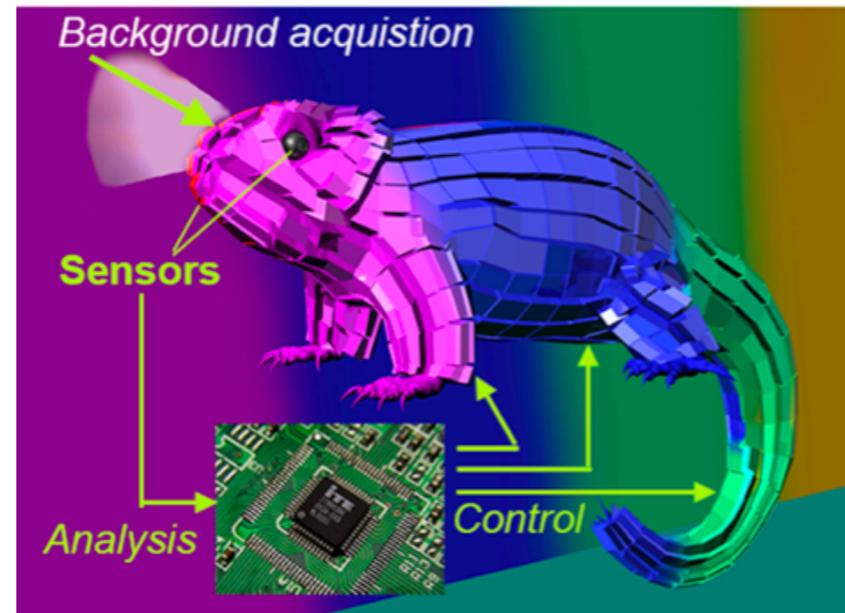


# Dynamic Camouflage via Plasmonic Tuning

## Application to artificial chameleon

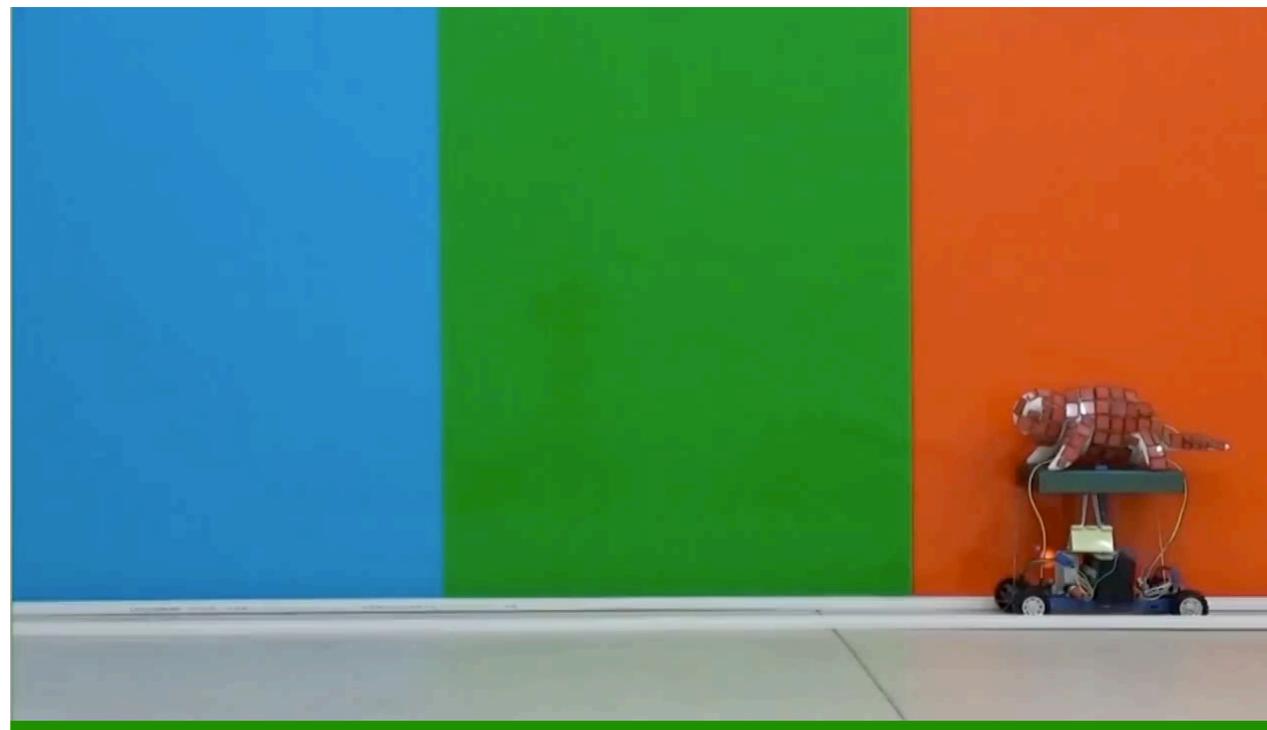
*whole body is covered with plasmonic cell device*

*sensors are capable of detecting red, green and blue*



*computer chip will output voltage signals based on sensor*

*plasmonic cell will adjust colour accordingly*



**video available at: <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsnano.5b07472>**

## *Outline*

Light Responsive Systems

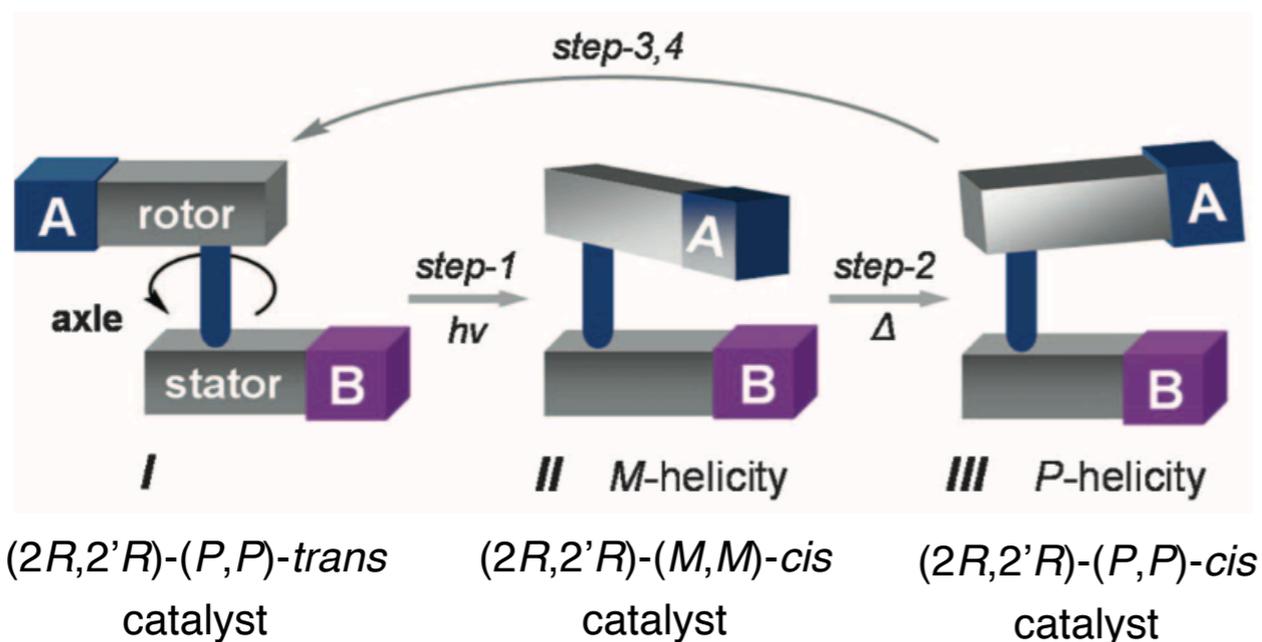
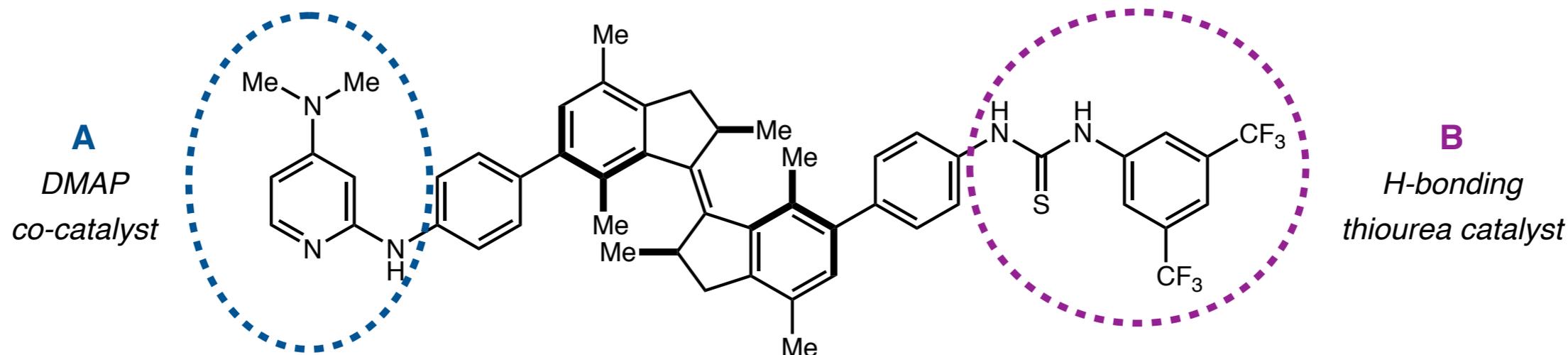
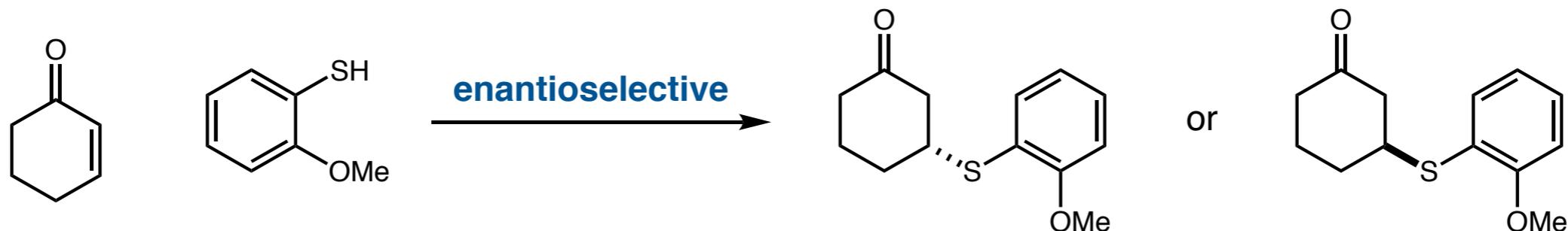
Chemo Responsive Systems

Electrically Responsive Systems

**Applications of molecular motors  
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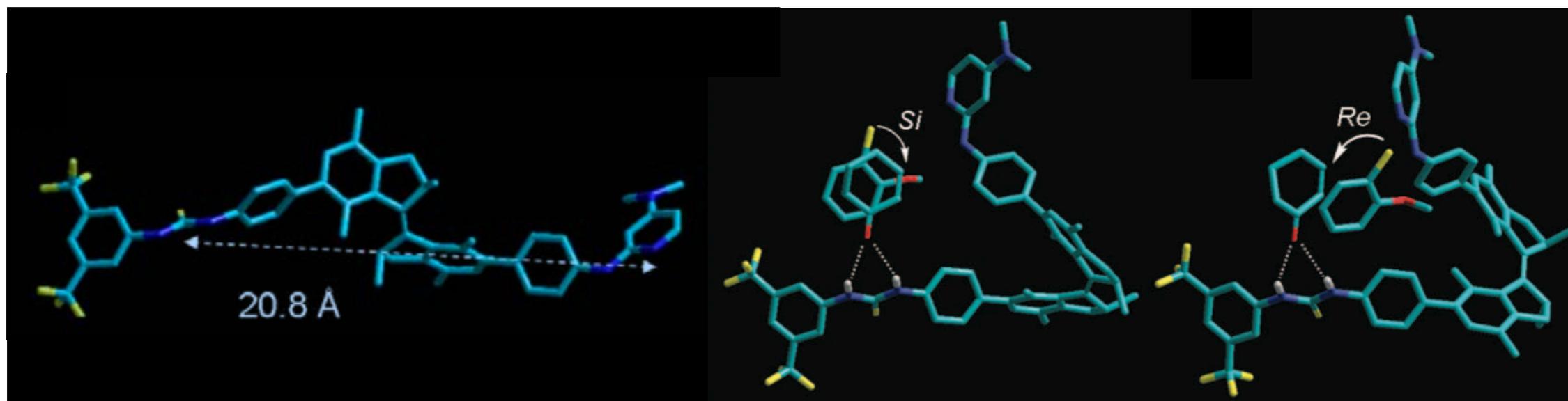
**Proof of concept: stimuli-responsive chiral catalysis using molecular machines**



- **stimuli responsive 3-stage rotary cycle**
- **cooperative catalysis**
- **rotor controls chirality of system**
- **distinct enantioselectivity at each stage**

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**(2*R*,2' *R*)-(P,P)-trans**

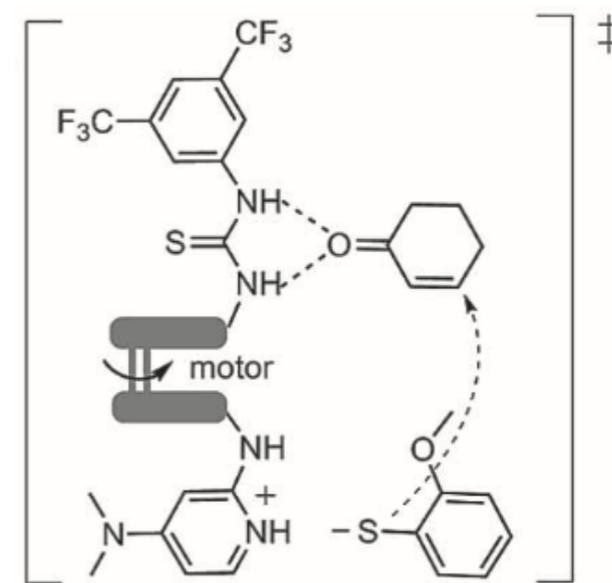
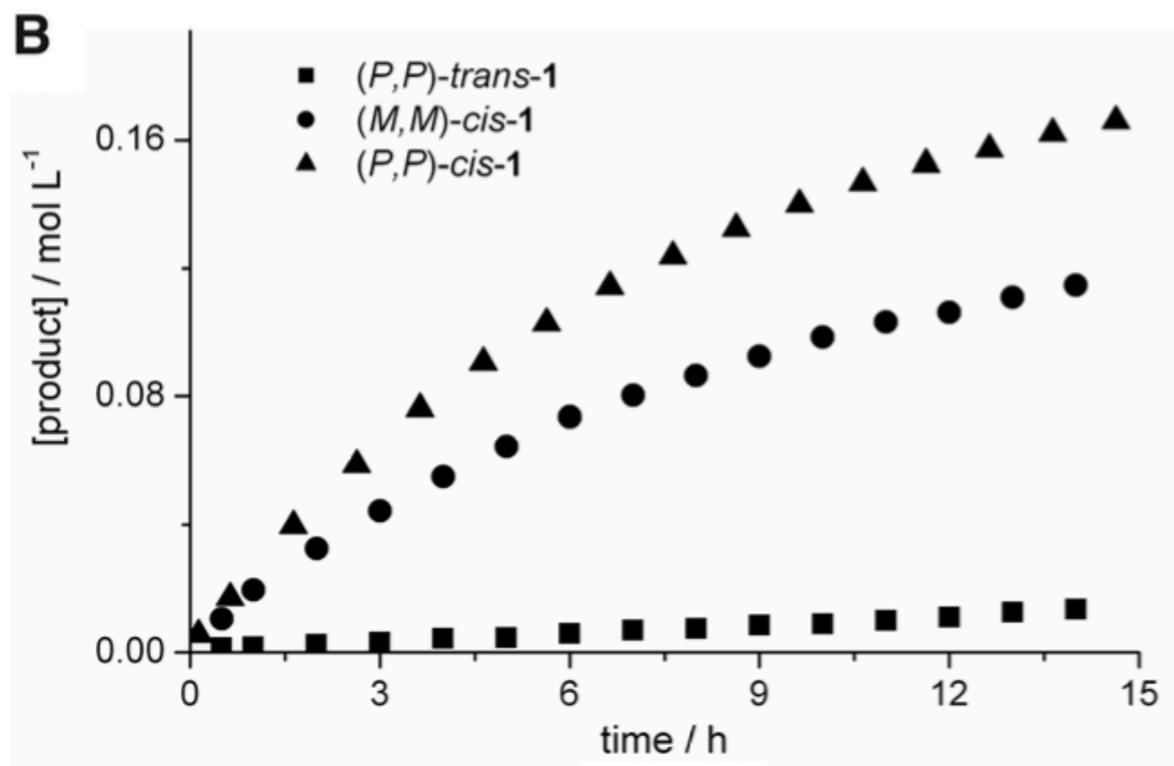
**S/R = 49/51**

**(2*R*,2' *R*)-(M,M)-cis**

**S/R = 75/25**

**(2*R*,2' *R*)-(P,P)-cis**

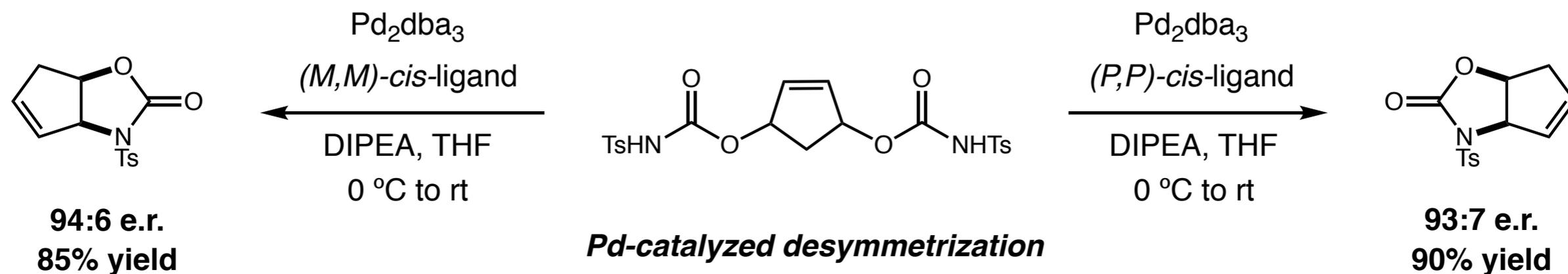
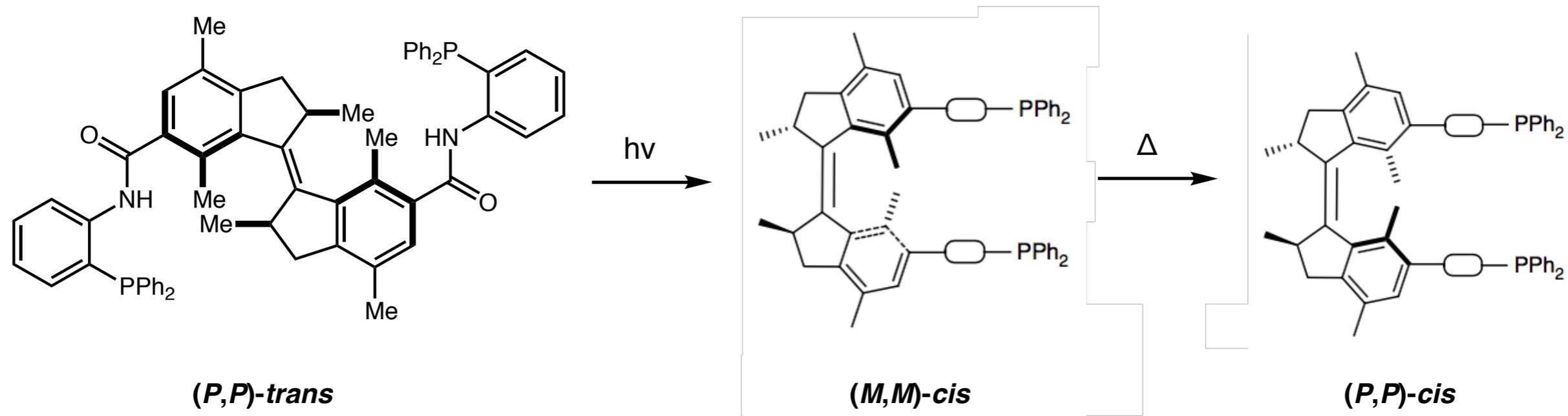
**S/R = 23/77**



**cooperative catalysis is key for reactivity and stereoselectivity**

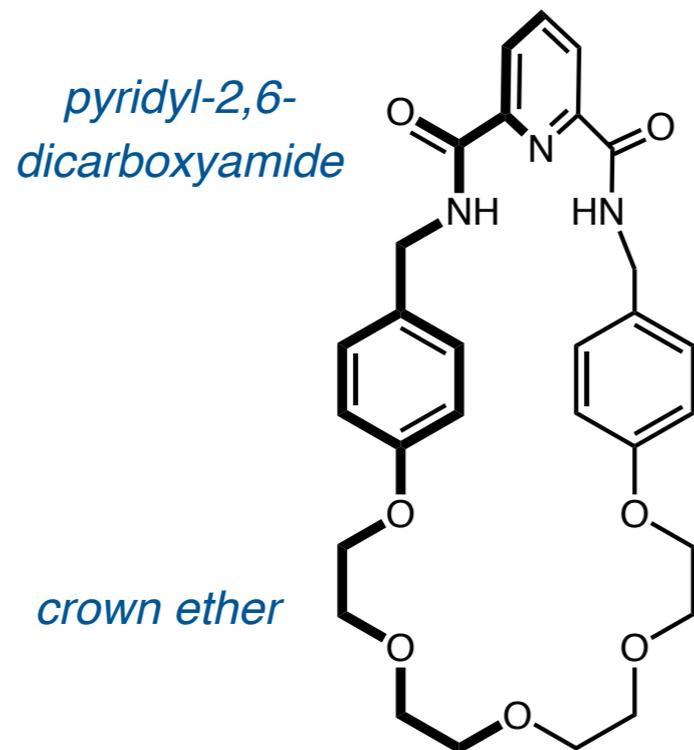
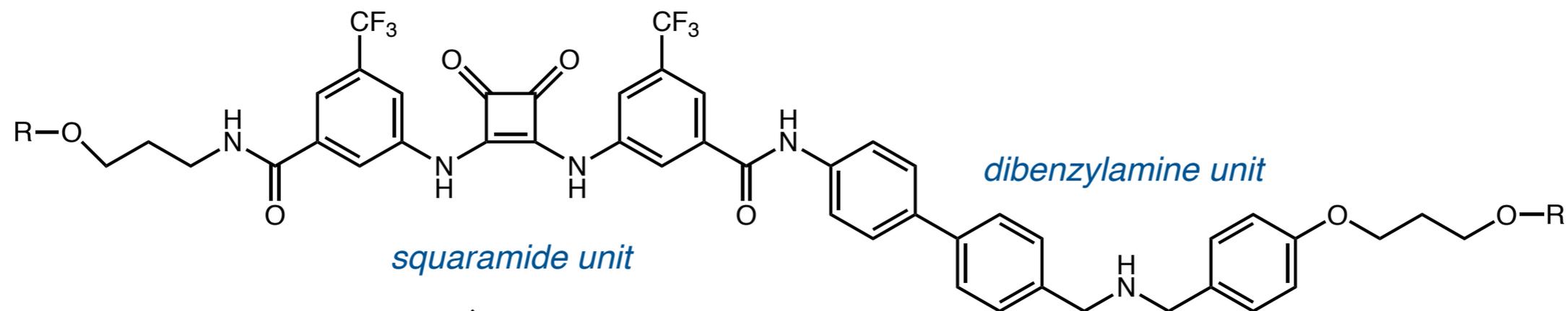
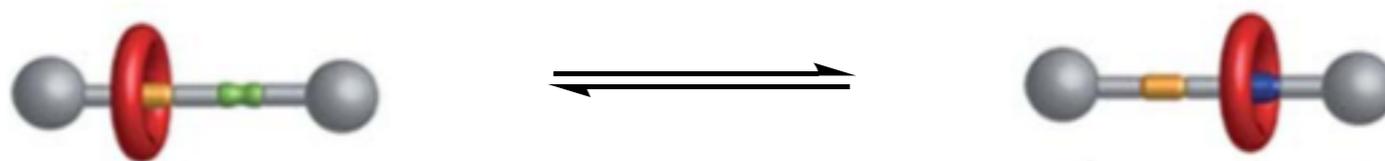
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**Proof of concept: stimuli-responsive chiral catalysis using molecular machines**



**stimuli-responsive ligands can be designed for asymmetric transition metal catalysis**

# Use of Rotaxanes as On/Off Switches for Catalysis



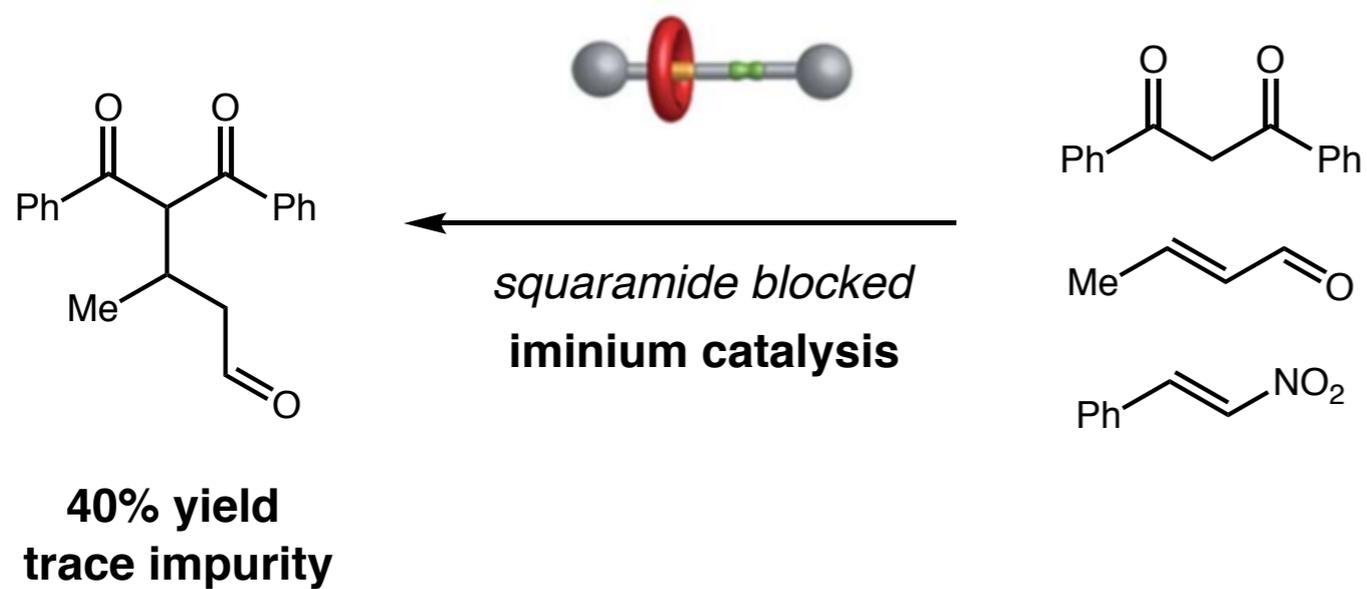
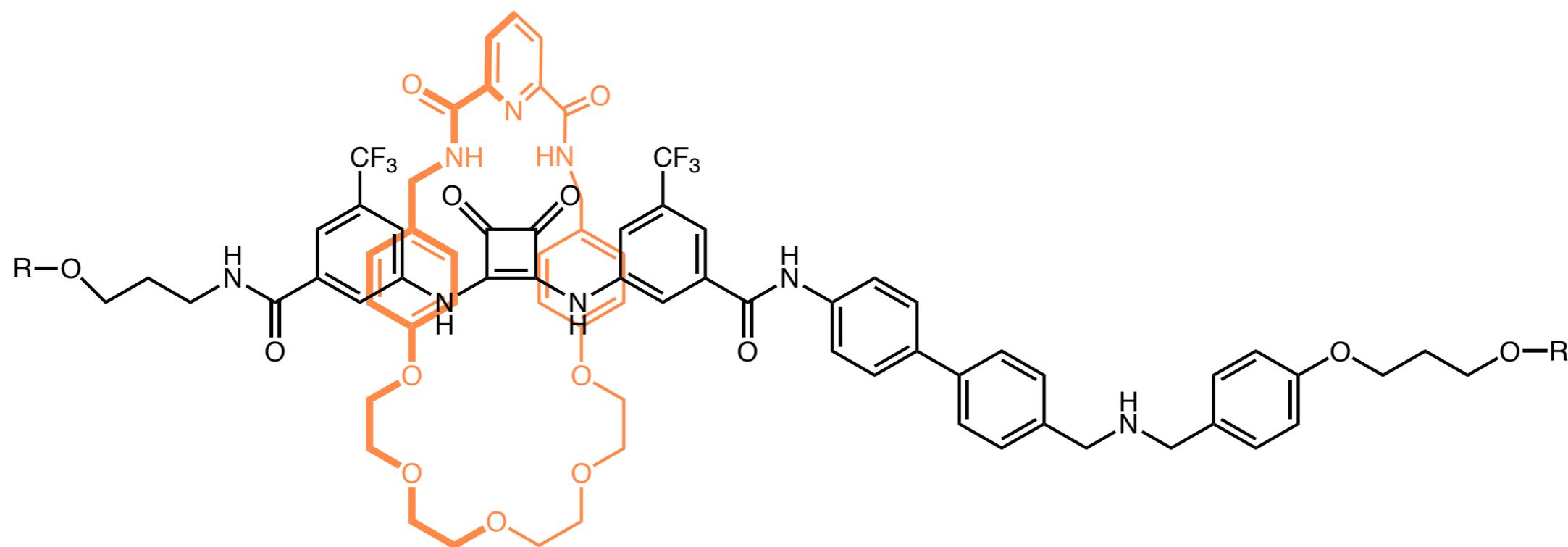
**rotaxane thread**

*squaramide of thread binds to pyridyl-2,6-dicarboxamide unit of macrocycle*

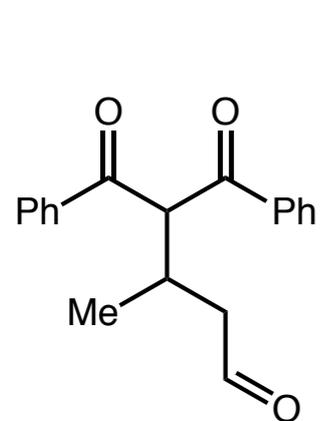
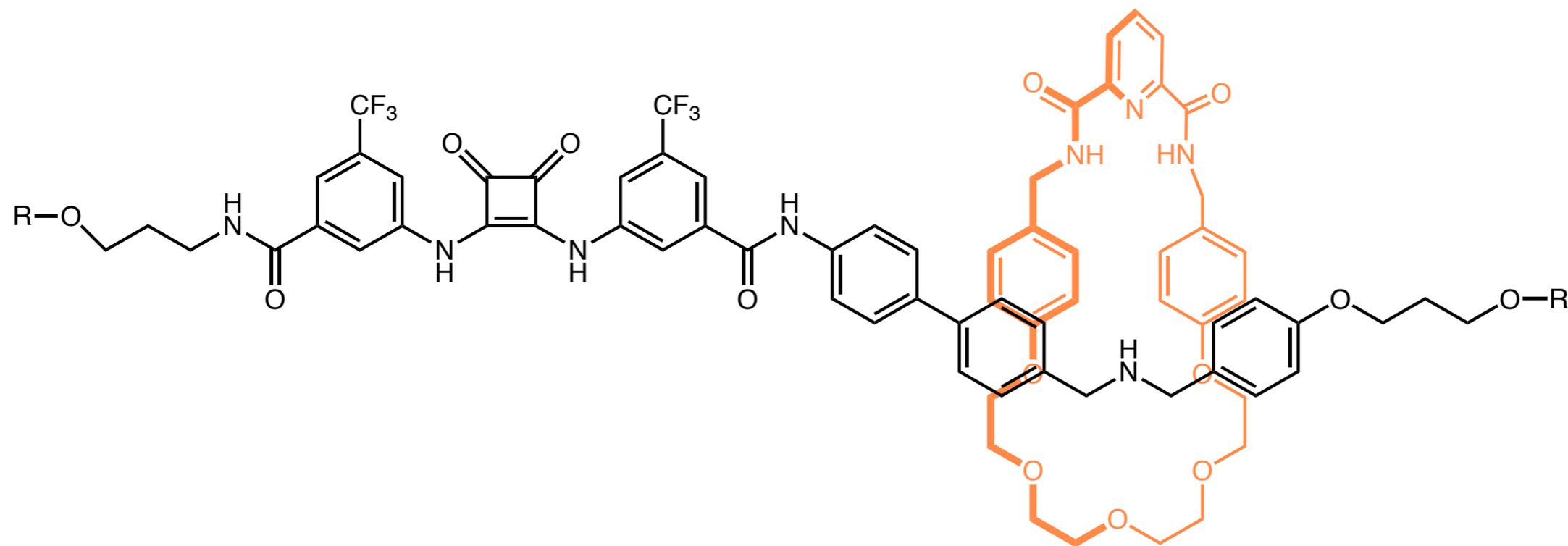
*dibenzylamine of thread binds to crown ether region of macrocycle, but only when protonated*

**rotaxane macrocycle**

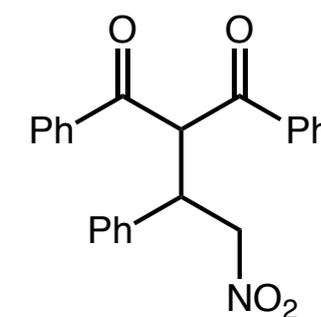
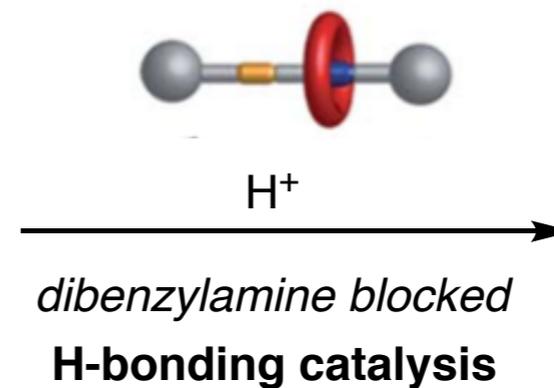
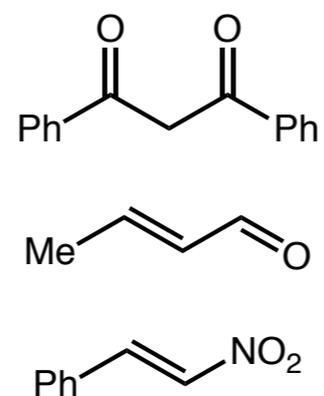
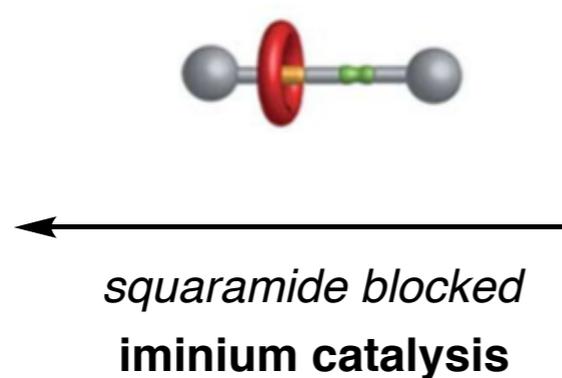
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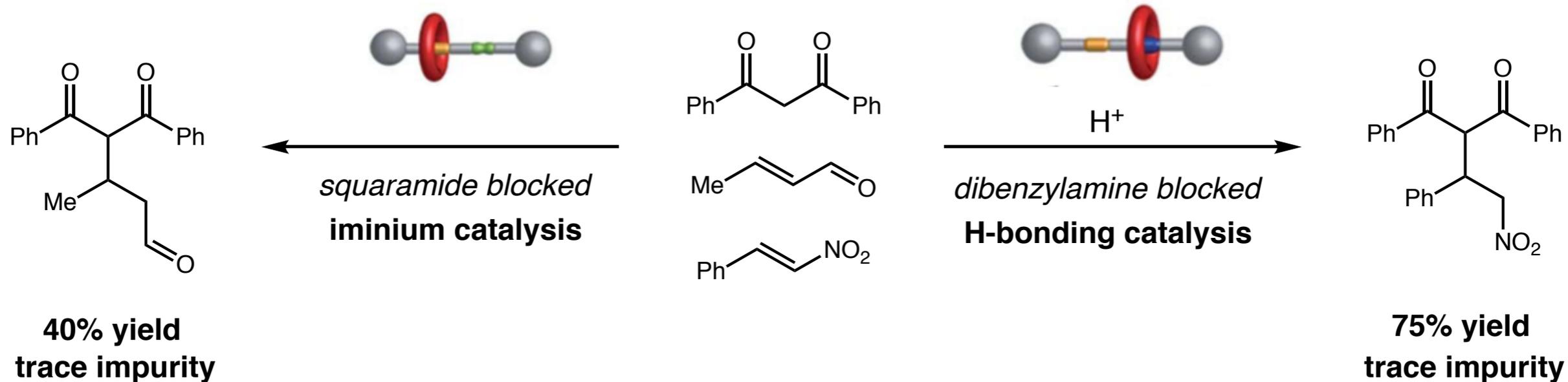
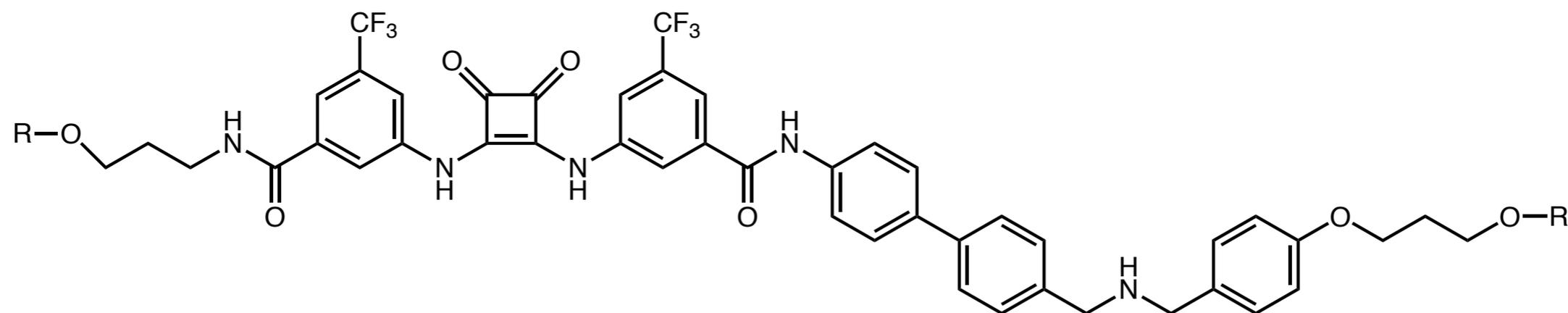


**40% yield**  
**trace impurity**



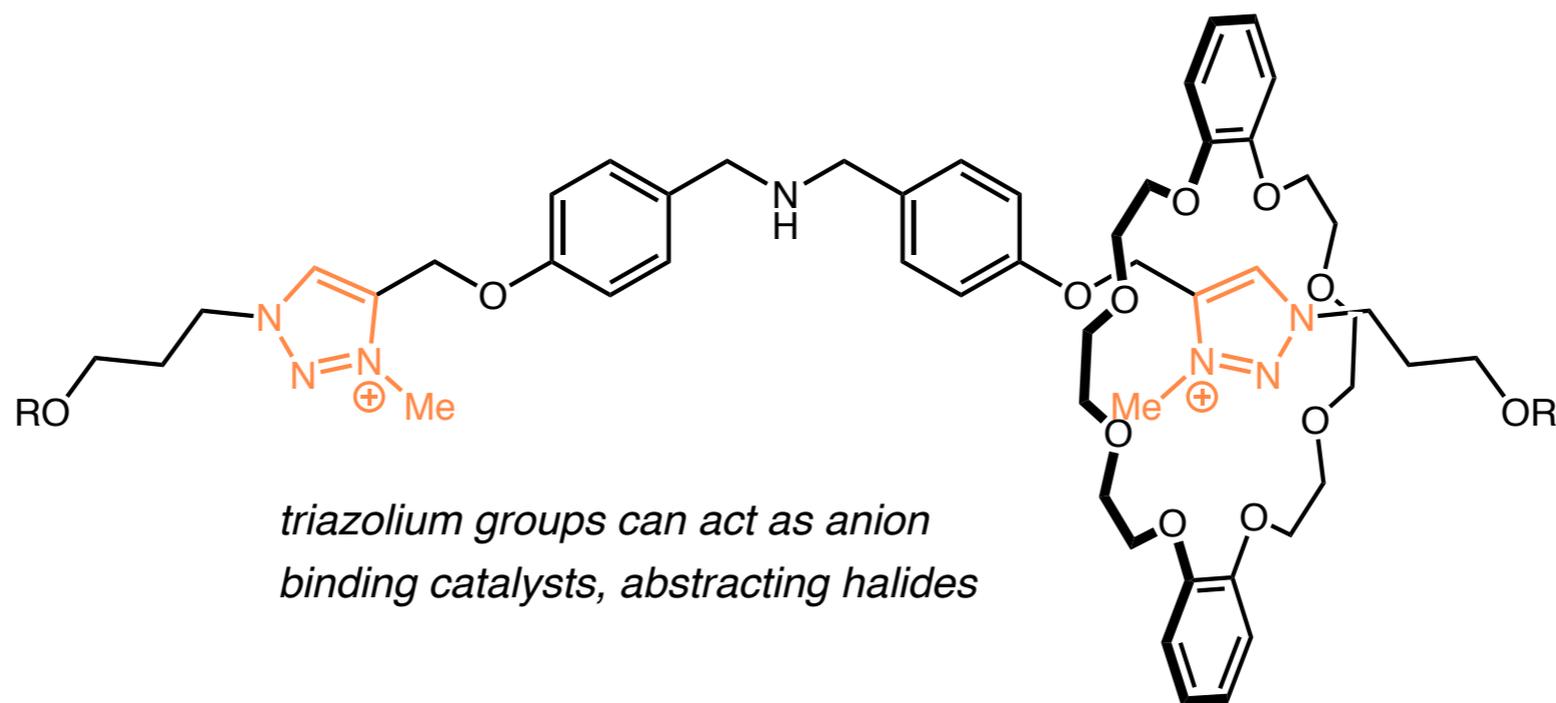
**75% yield**  
**trace impurity**

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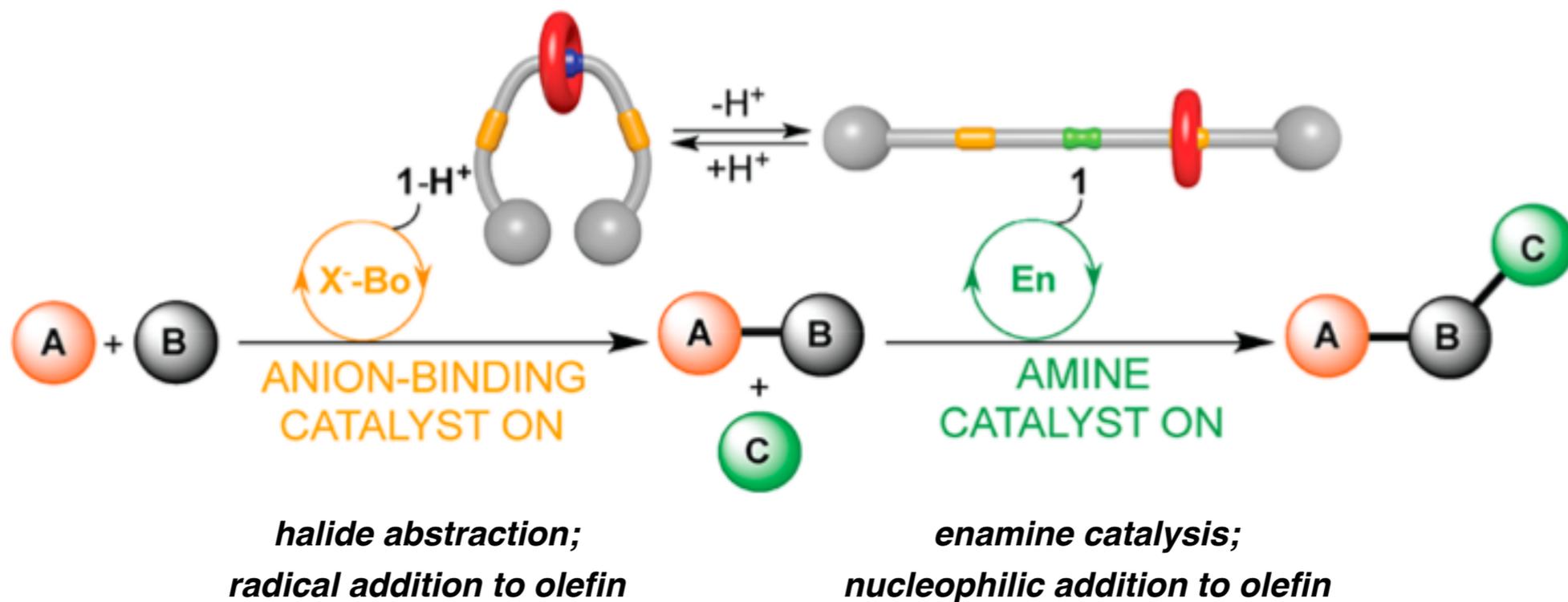


*1:1 ratio of products observed when free catalyst is used*

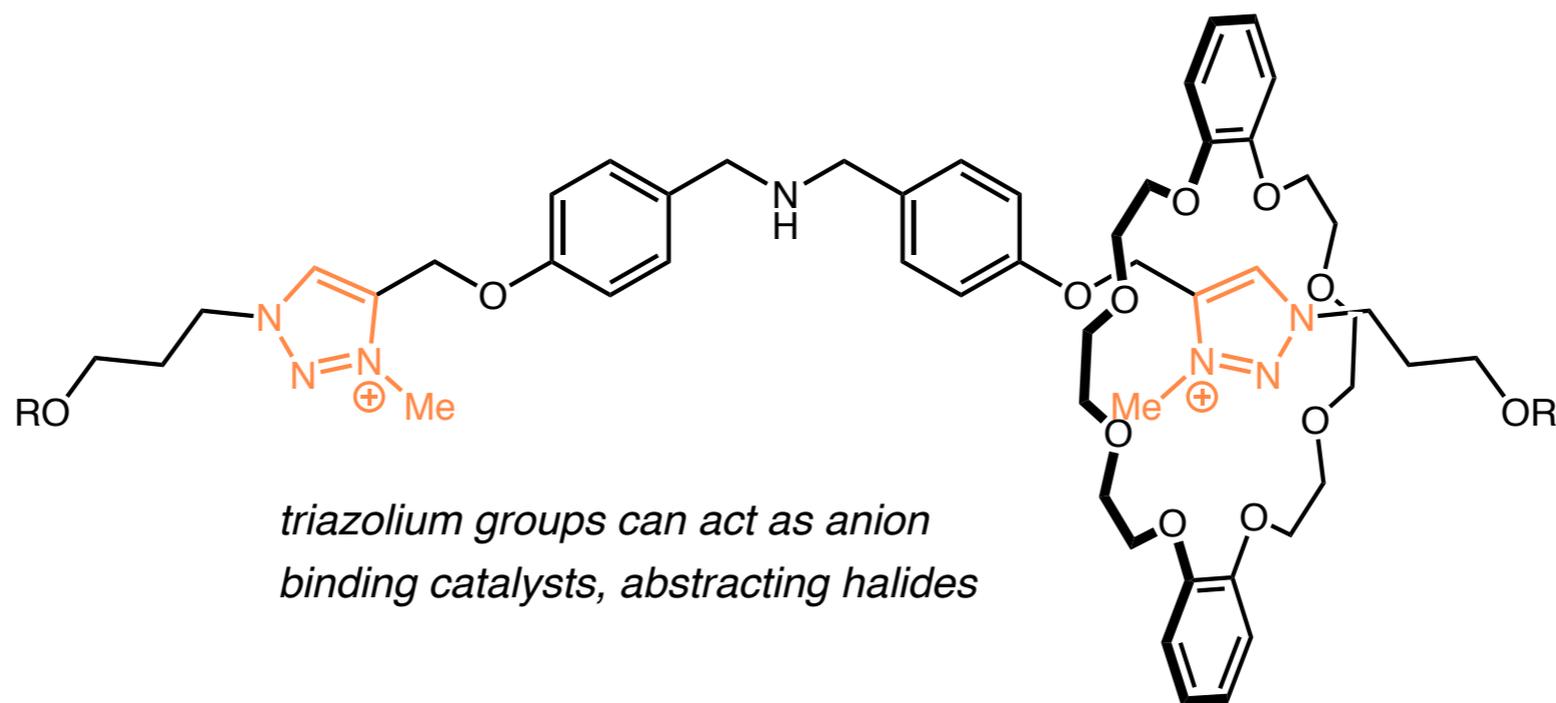
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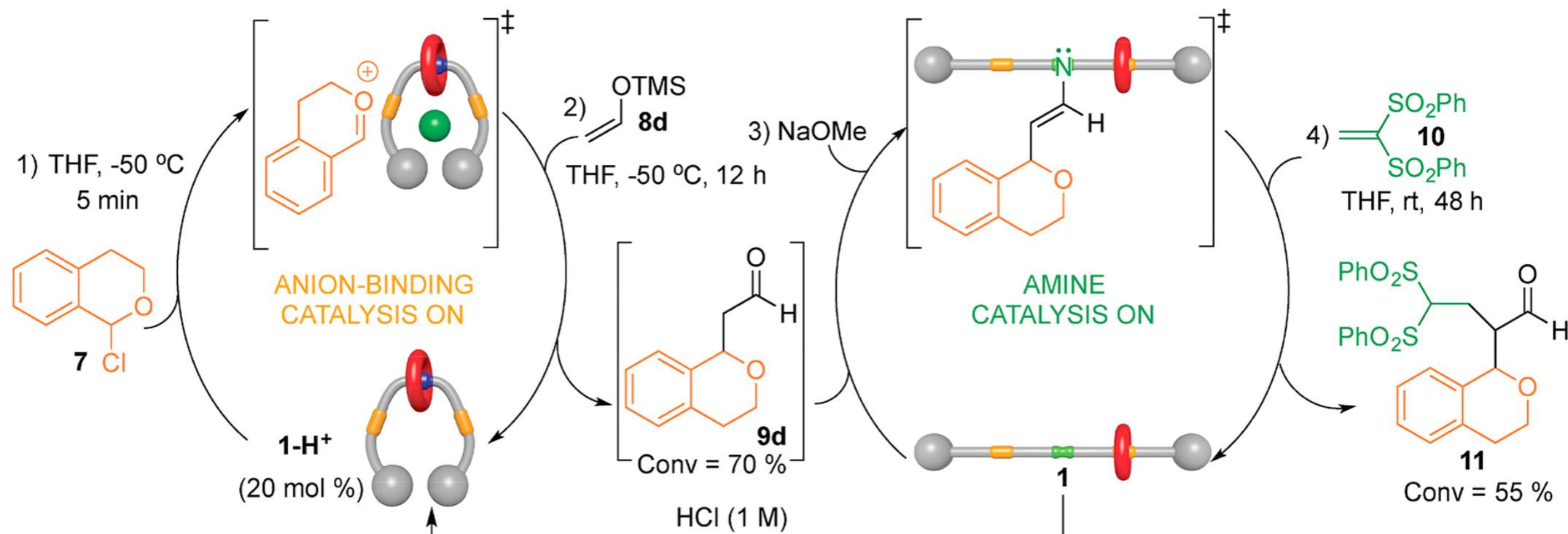
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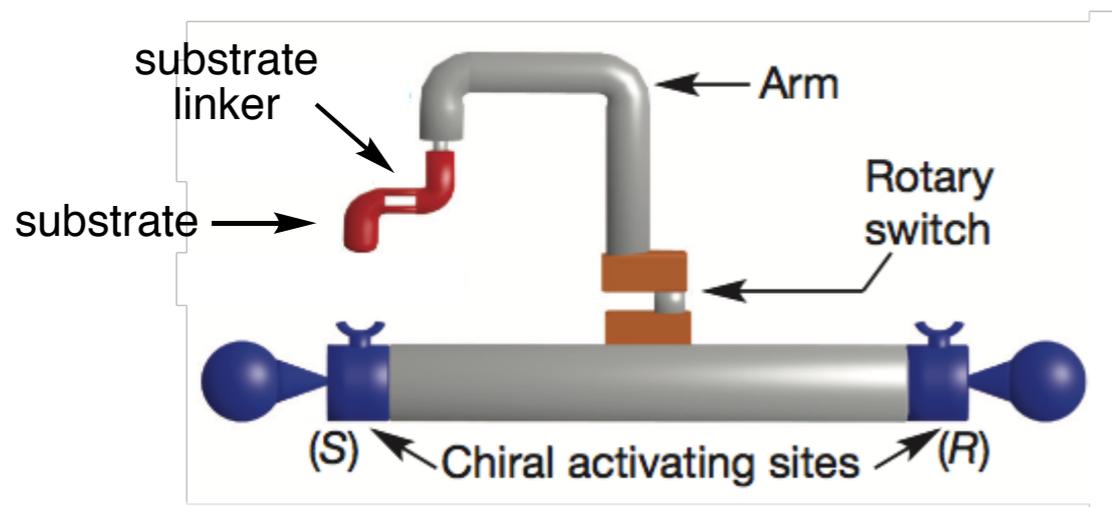
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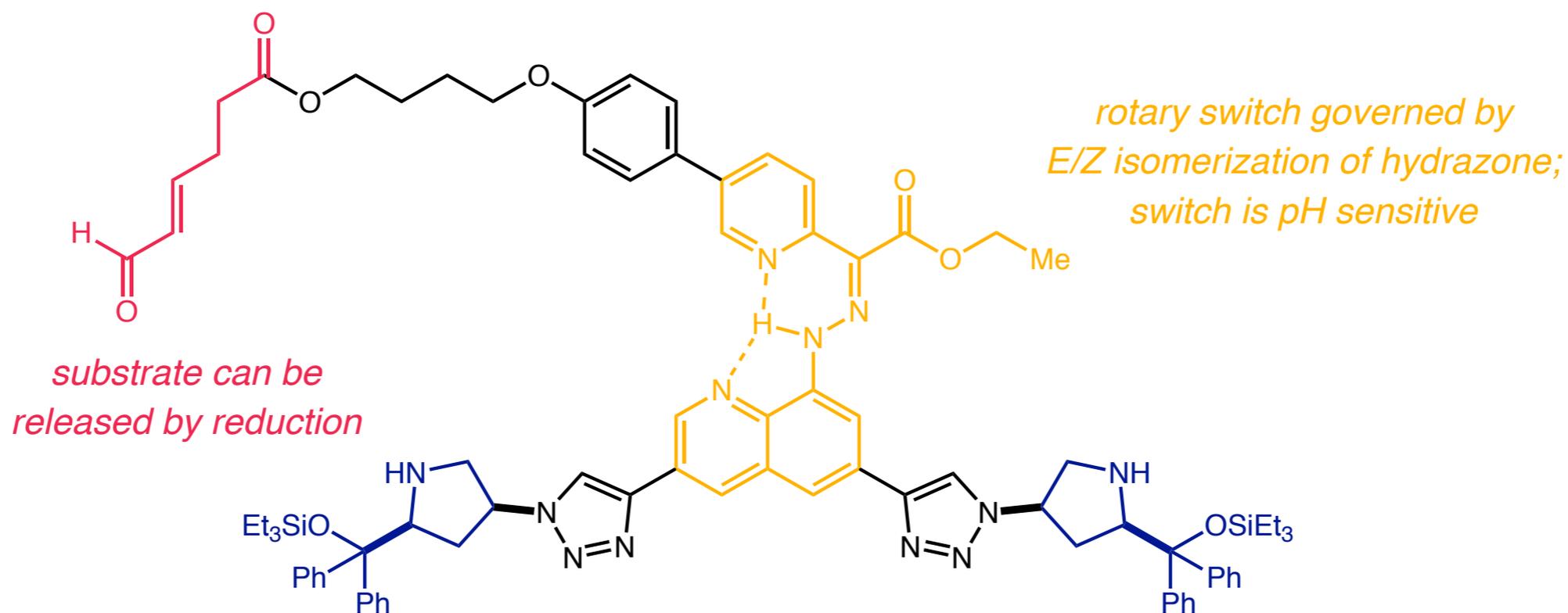
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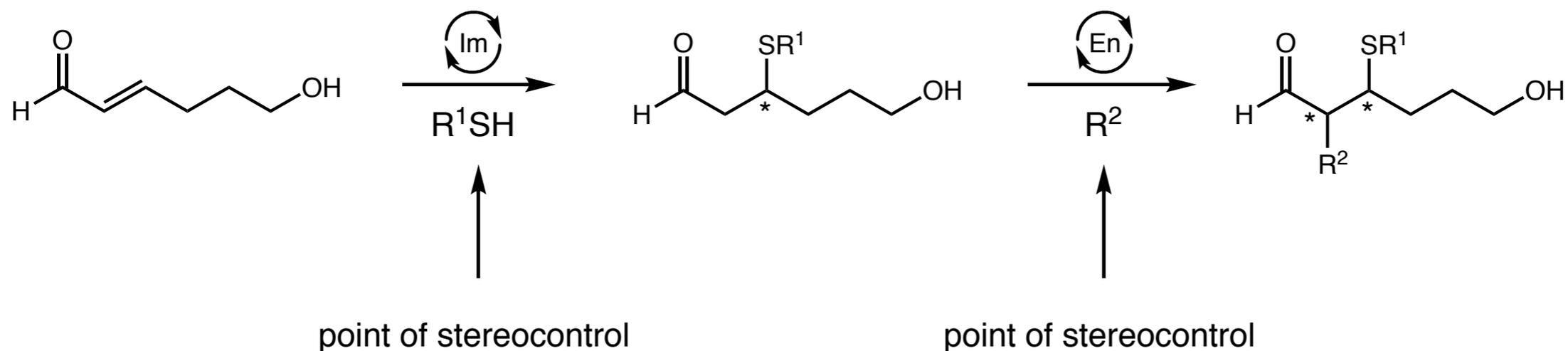


- *mimics sequence-specific synthesis in biology*
- *allows substrate to be moved between catalytic sites*
- *enables stereospecific sequential synthesis*

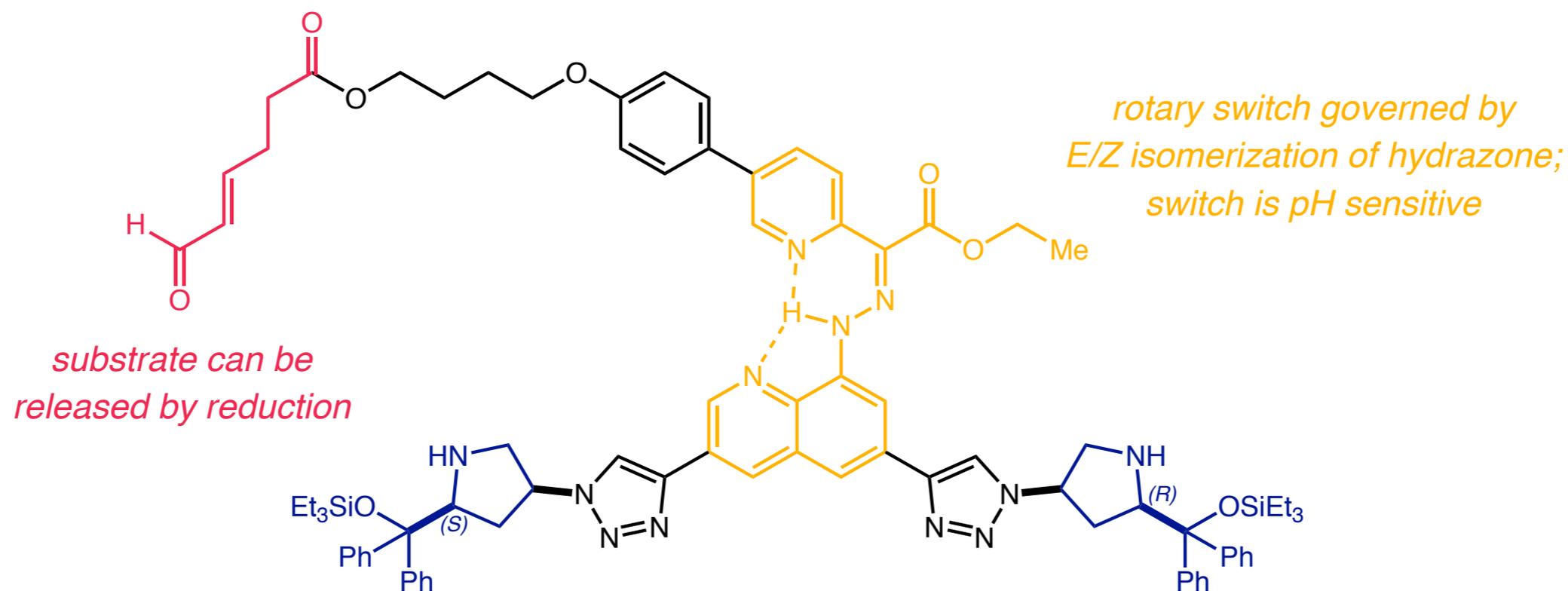


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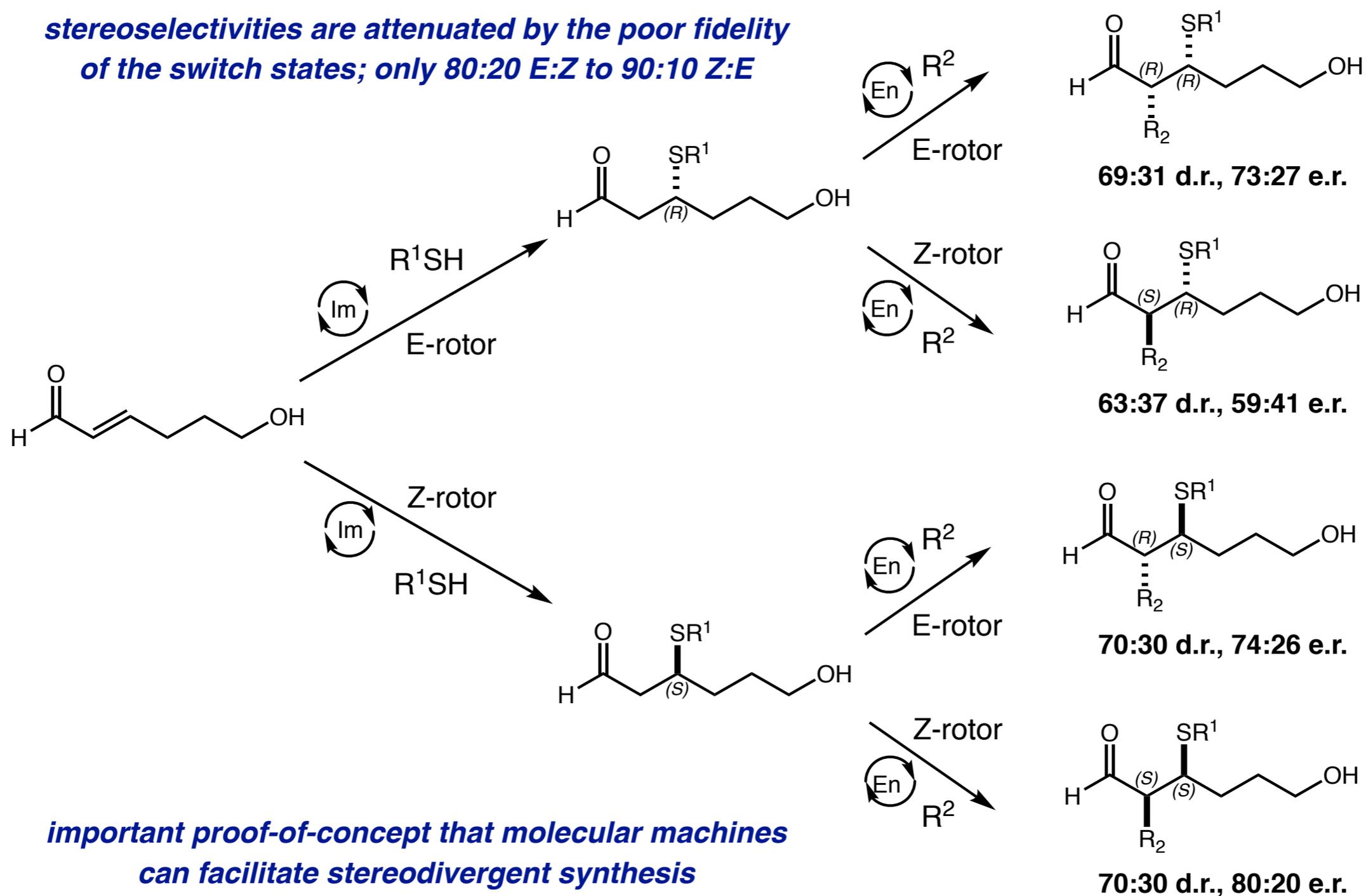
**stereochemistry of products can be programmed; dependent on decision to engage rotary switch**



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*stereoselectivities are attenuated by the poor fidelity of the switch states; only 80:20 E:Z to 90:10 Z:E*



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