



**“Cold” Ion Spectroscopy of  
Host-Guest Complexes in the Gas Phase**

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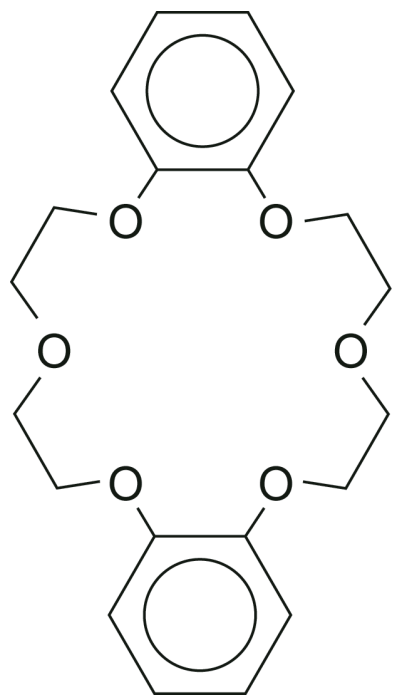
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# Crown Ethers (CEs)

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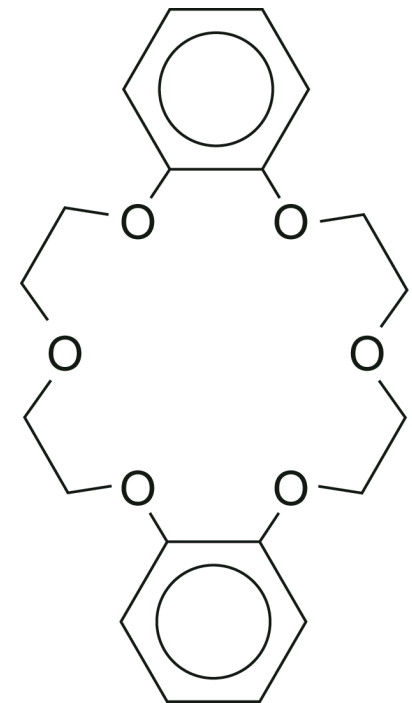
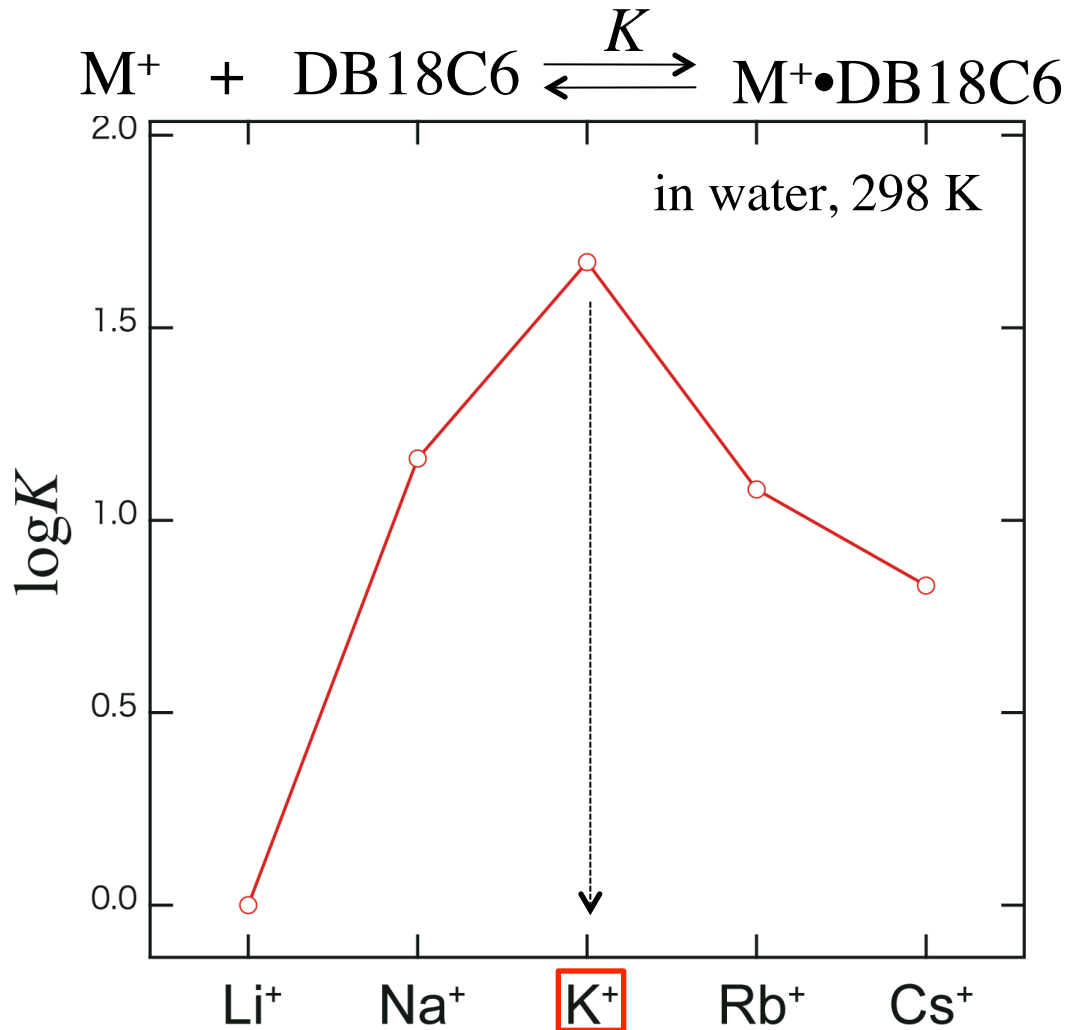
*Crown ethers (CEs) show ion selectivity.*



Dibenzo-18-crown-6  
(DB18C6)

# Ion Selectivity of CE

*DB18C6 captures  $K^+$  selectively in water.*



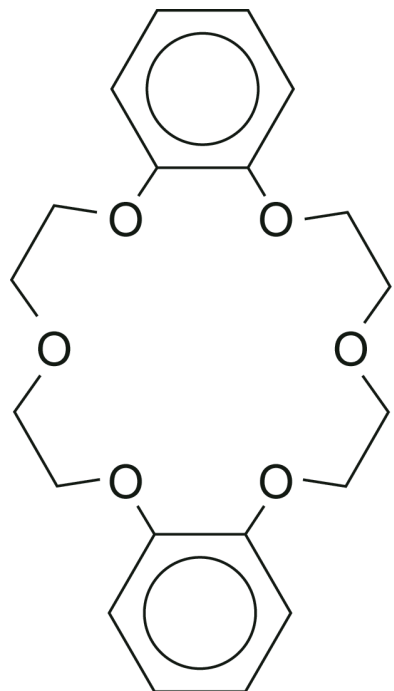
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Izatt et al., *Chem. Rev.*,  
1985, 85, 271.

# Our Final Goal

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*Our final goal is  
to reveal the origin of ion selectivity  
in terms of quantum chemistry.*

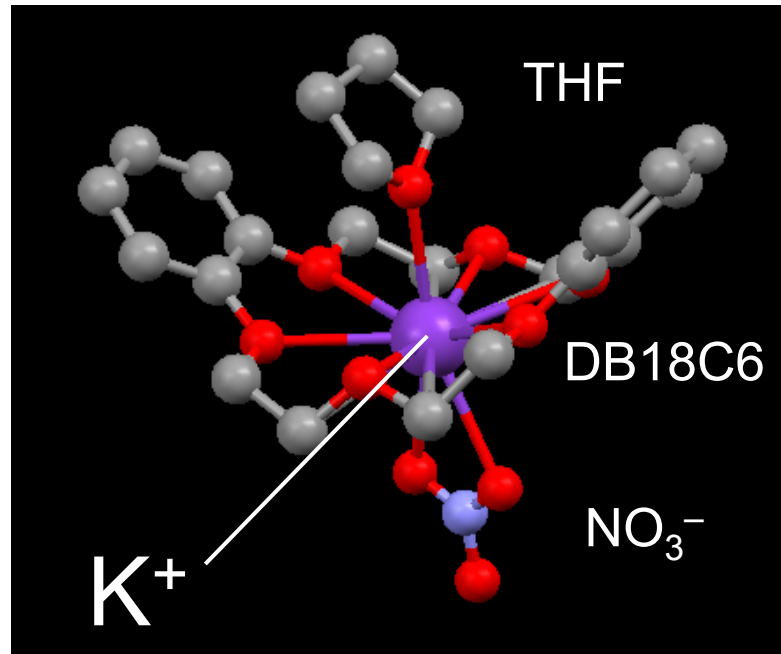


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# Crystal Structure of $M^+ \cdot DB18C6$

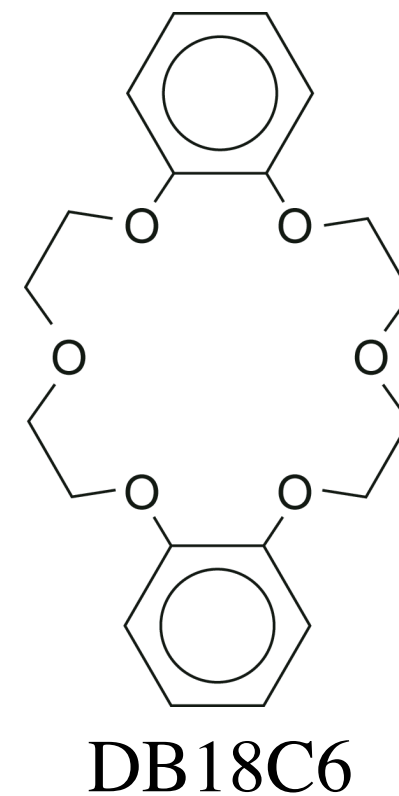
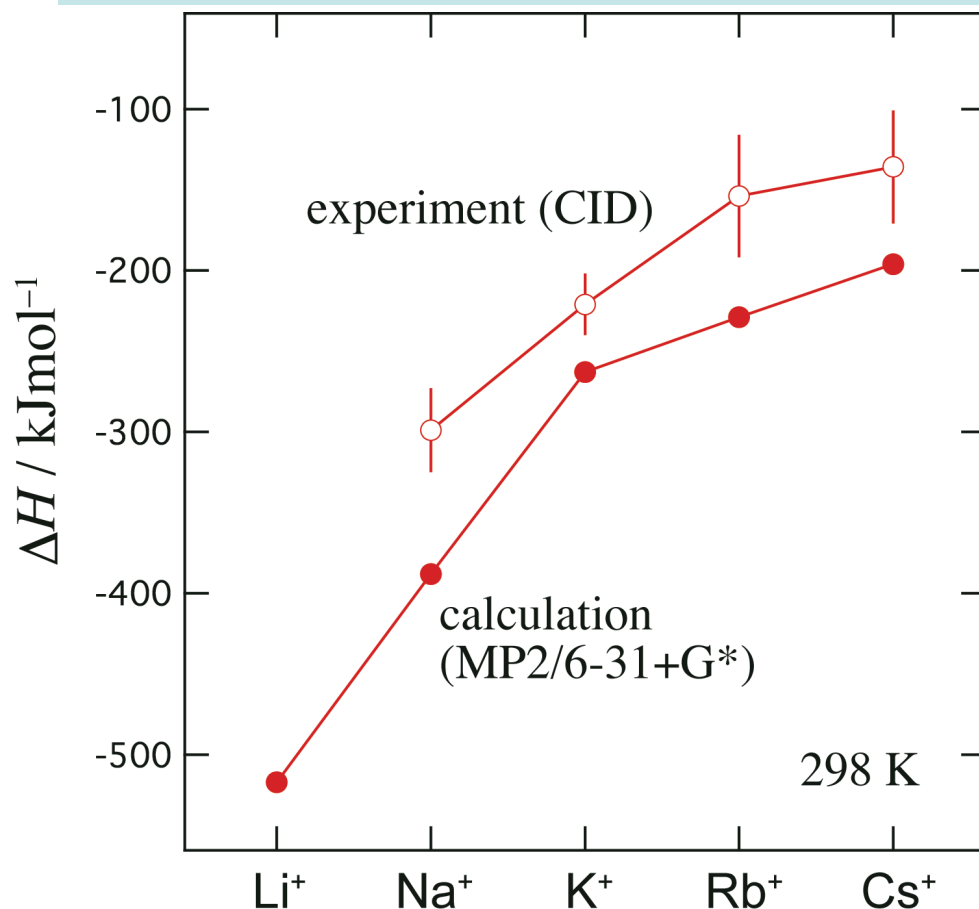
*X-ray analysis of **crystal** tells us the relation in size, but...  
no information on the origin of ion selectivity in **solution**.*



(Cambridge Structural Database)

# $\Delta H$ for Complex Formation

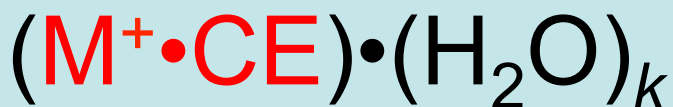
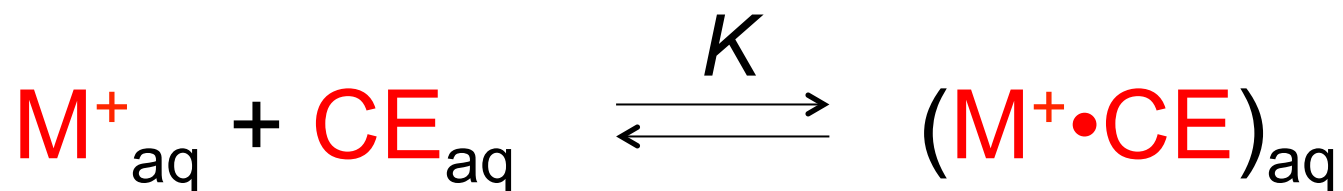
*Bare complexes cannot explain the ion selectivity in solution.*



Anderson et al., *Int. J. Mass Spectrom.*, **2003**, 227, 63.

# Solvated Complexes

*Solvated complexes* are used to examine the solvent effect at a molecular level.





# Relation between $K$ , $\Delta G$ , $\Delta H$ , and $\Delta S$

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We have to determine *the structure* and *the number of conformers* to evaluate the ion selectivity.

$$K = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G}{RT}\right)$$

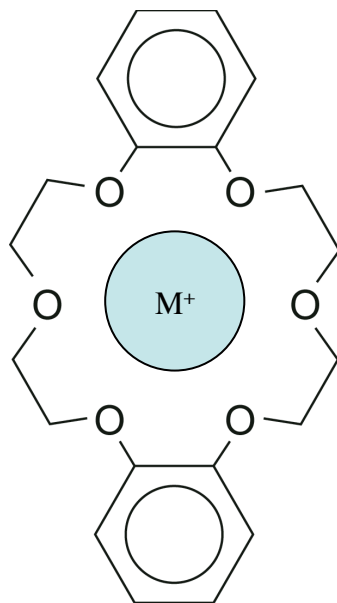
$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

- $H$  and  $S$  depend on the structure.
- The more conformations a complex takes, the more stable it is.

# This Study

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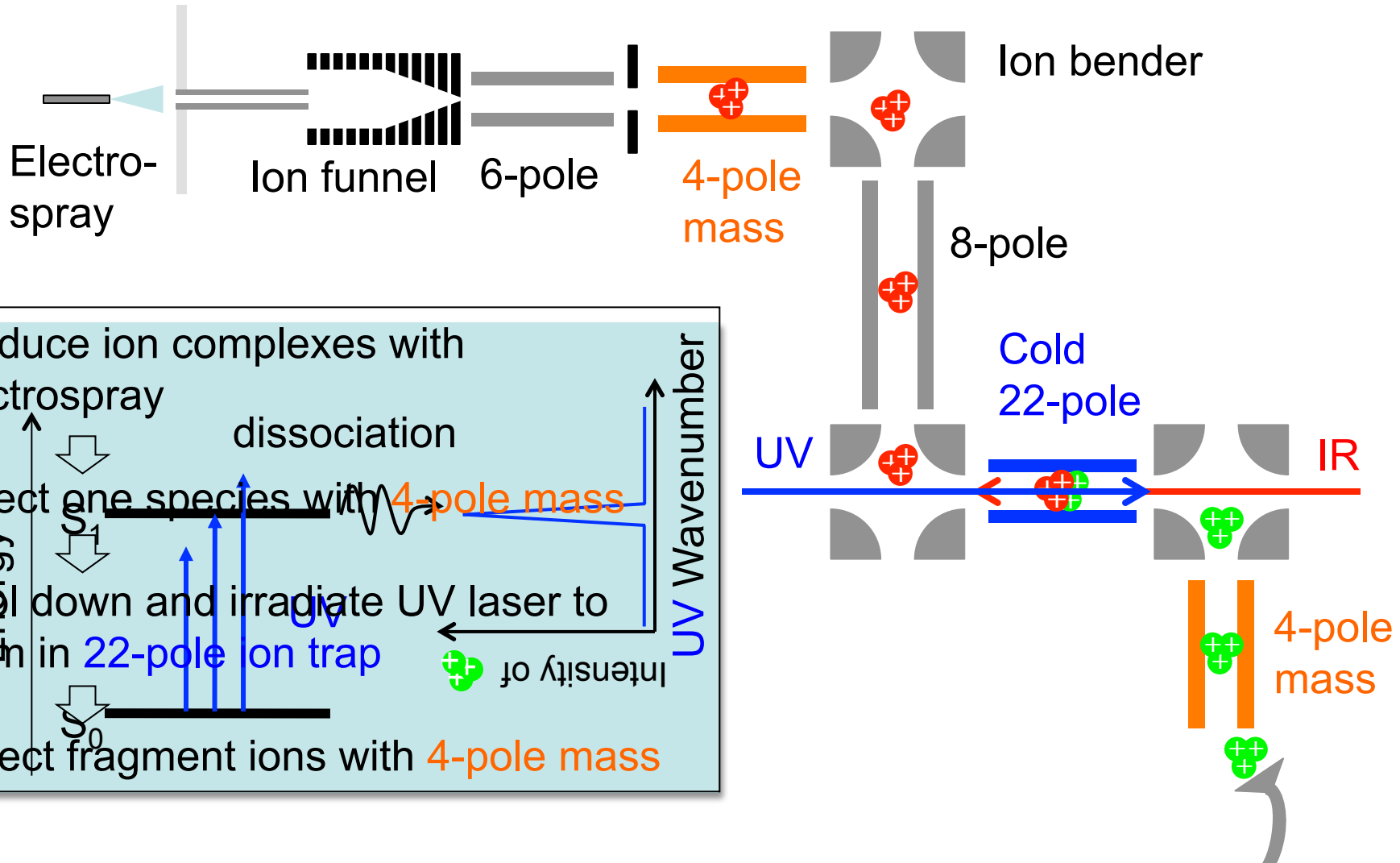
- $M^+ \cdot \text{DB18C6}$  ( $M^+ = \text{Li}^+, \text{Na}^+, \text{K}^+, \text{Rb}^+, \text{Cs}^+$ )
- $M^+ \cdot \text{DB18C6} \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$  ( $n = 1-5$ )



- UV and IR spectroscopy in a cold, 22-pole ion trap
- The number and structure of conformers are determined.

# Experimental (simple ver.)

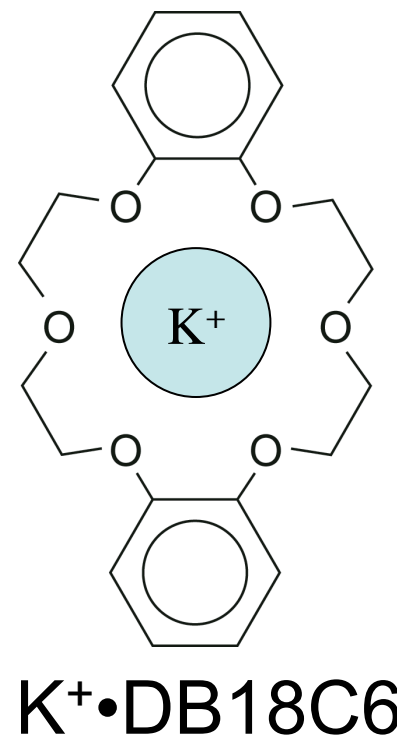
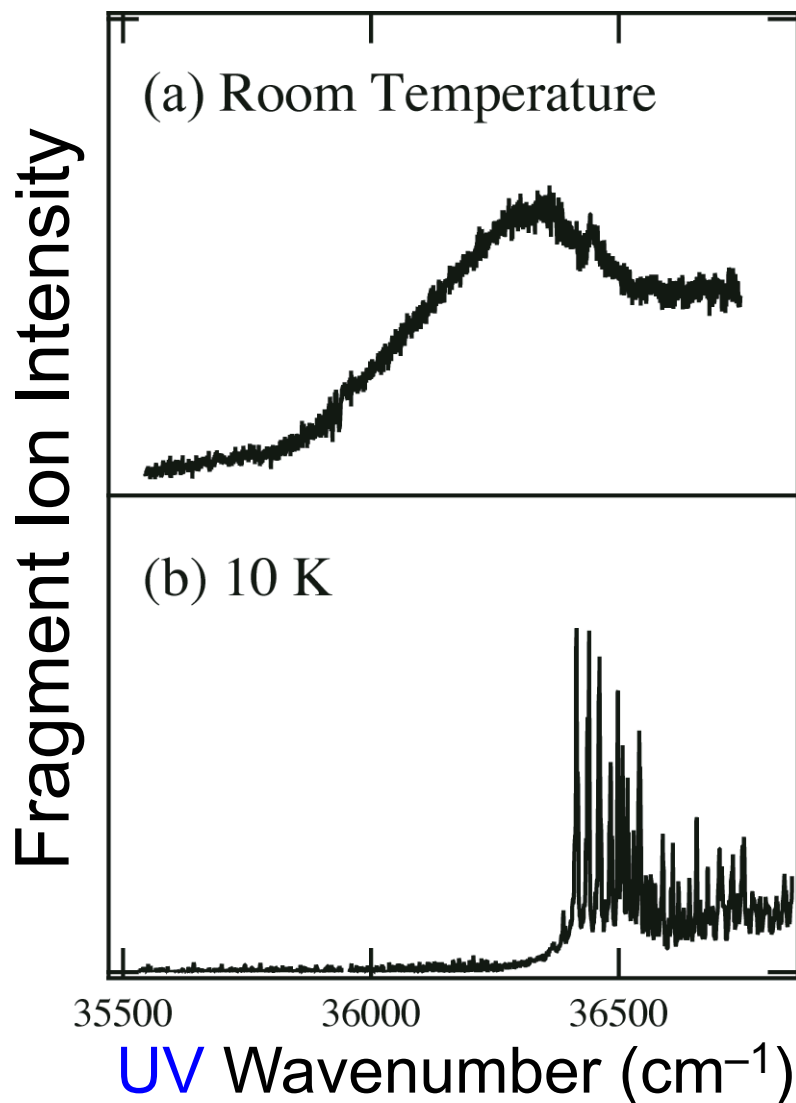
*UV and IR spectra of ions are measured under cold ( $\sim 10$  K) conditions in the gas phase.*





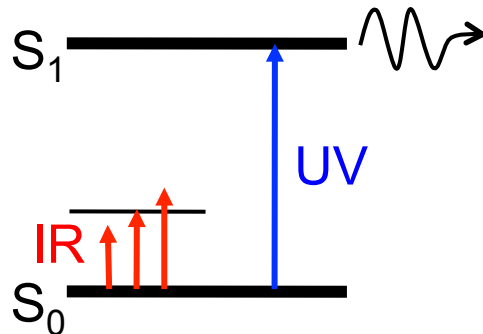
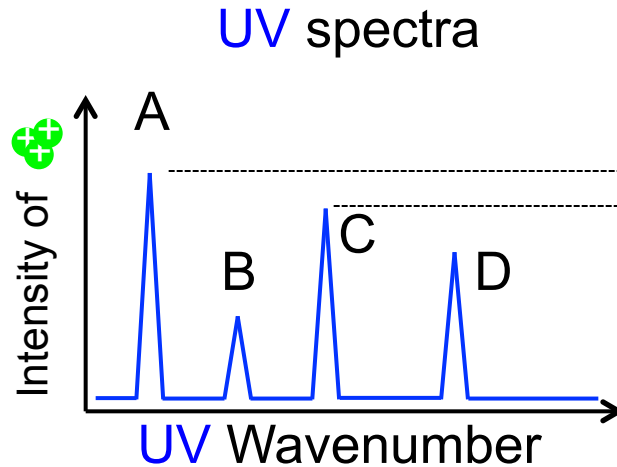
# Effect of the Cooling on **UV** Spectra

*Sharp UV bands are observed thanks to the cooling.*



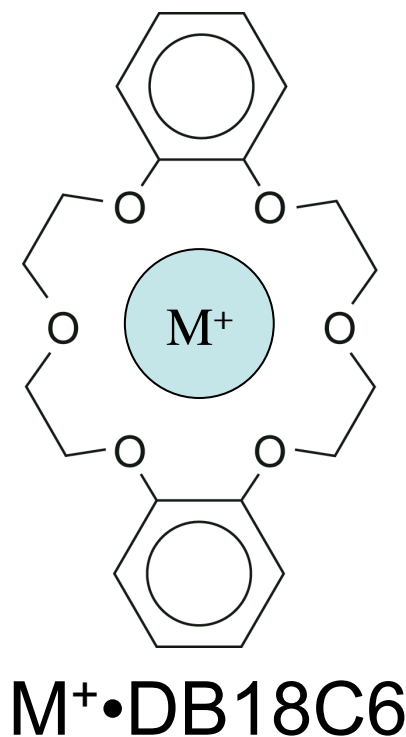
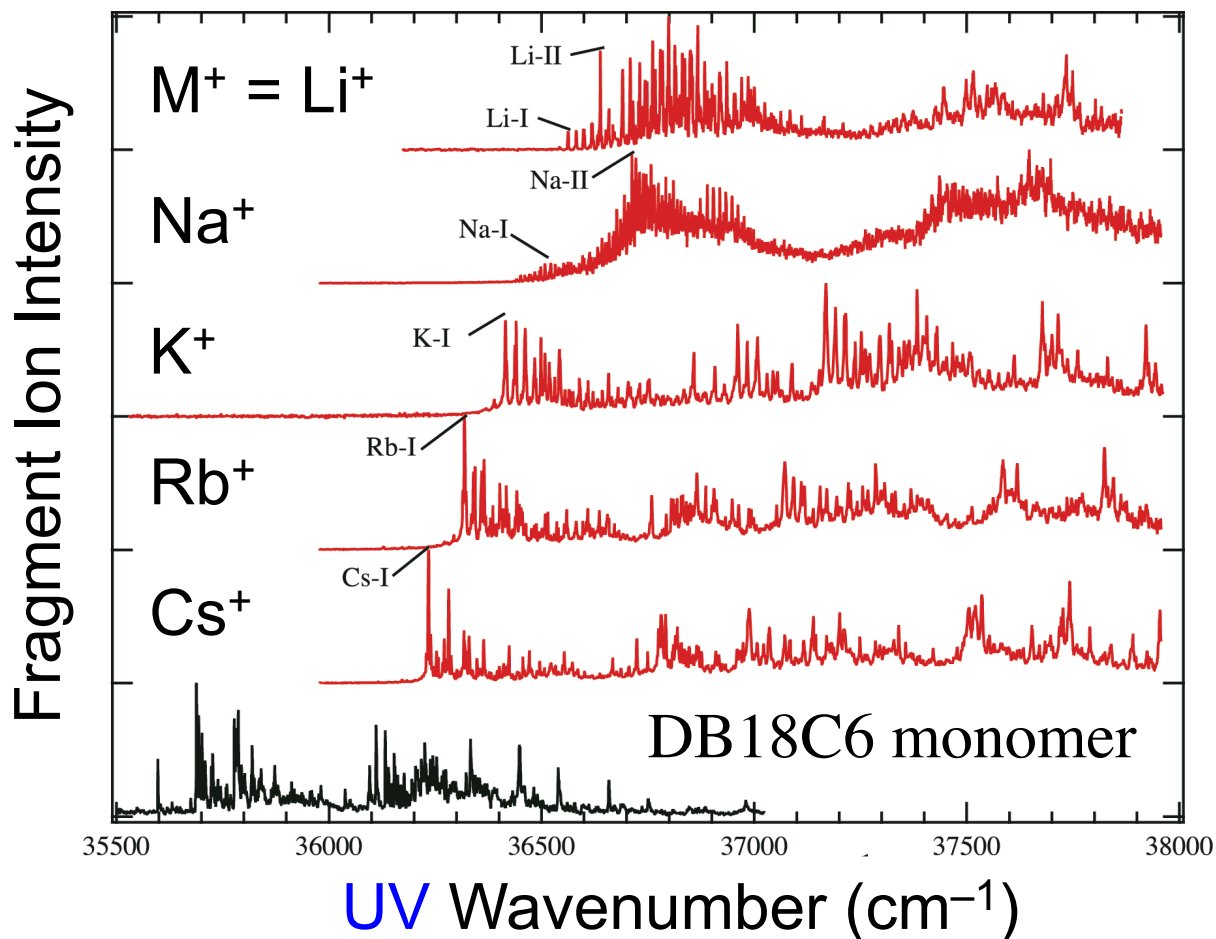
# IR-UV Double-Resonance

*Conformer-specific IR spectra can be measured by IR-UV double-resonance.*



# UV Spectra of $M^+ \cdot DB18C6$

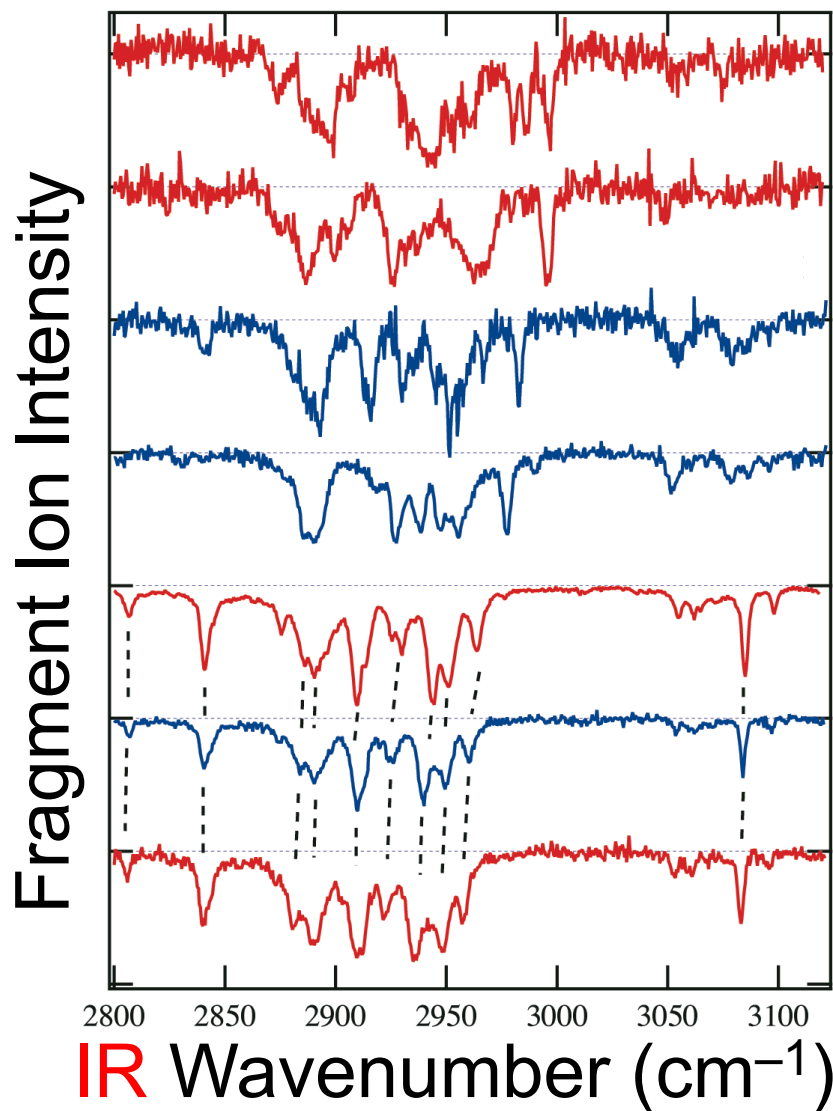
*All the complexes show sharp UV bands.  
Conformer-specific IR spectra can be measured.*





# IR Spectra of $M^+ \cdot DB18C6$

*Different IR features originate from different conformers.*



Li-I

Li-II

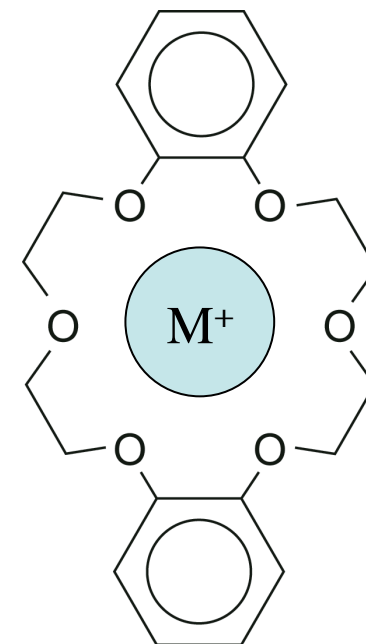
Na-I

Na-II

K-I

Rb-I

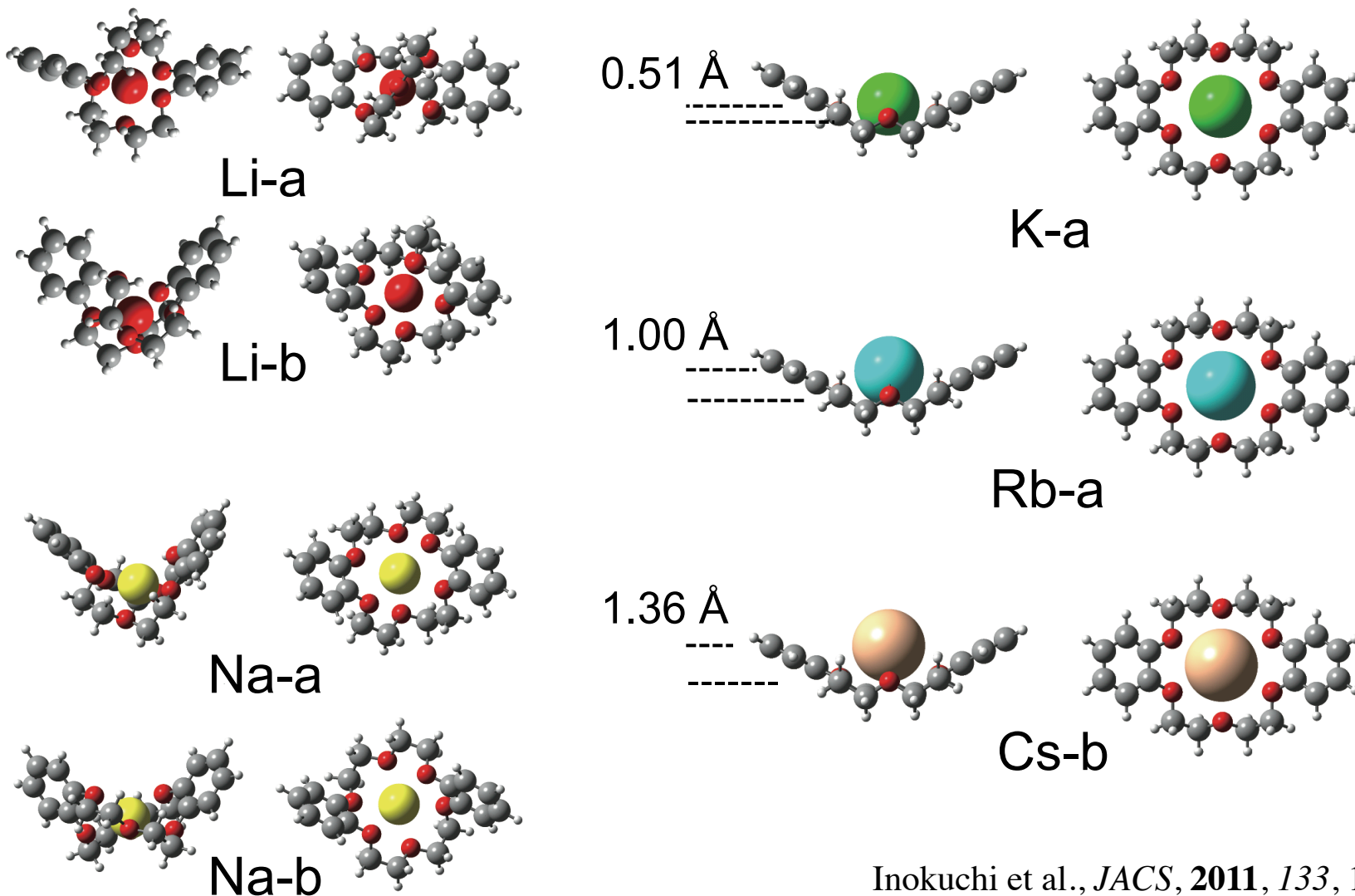
Cs-I



$M^+ \cdot DB18C6$

# Structure of $M^+ \cdot \text{DB18C6}$

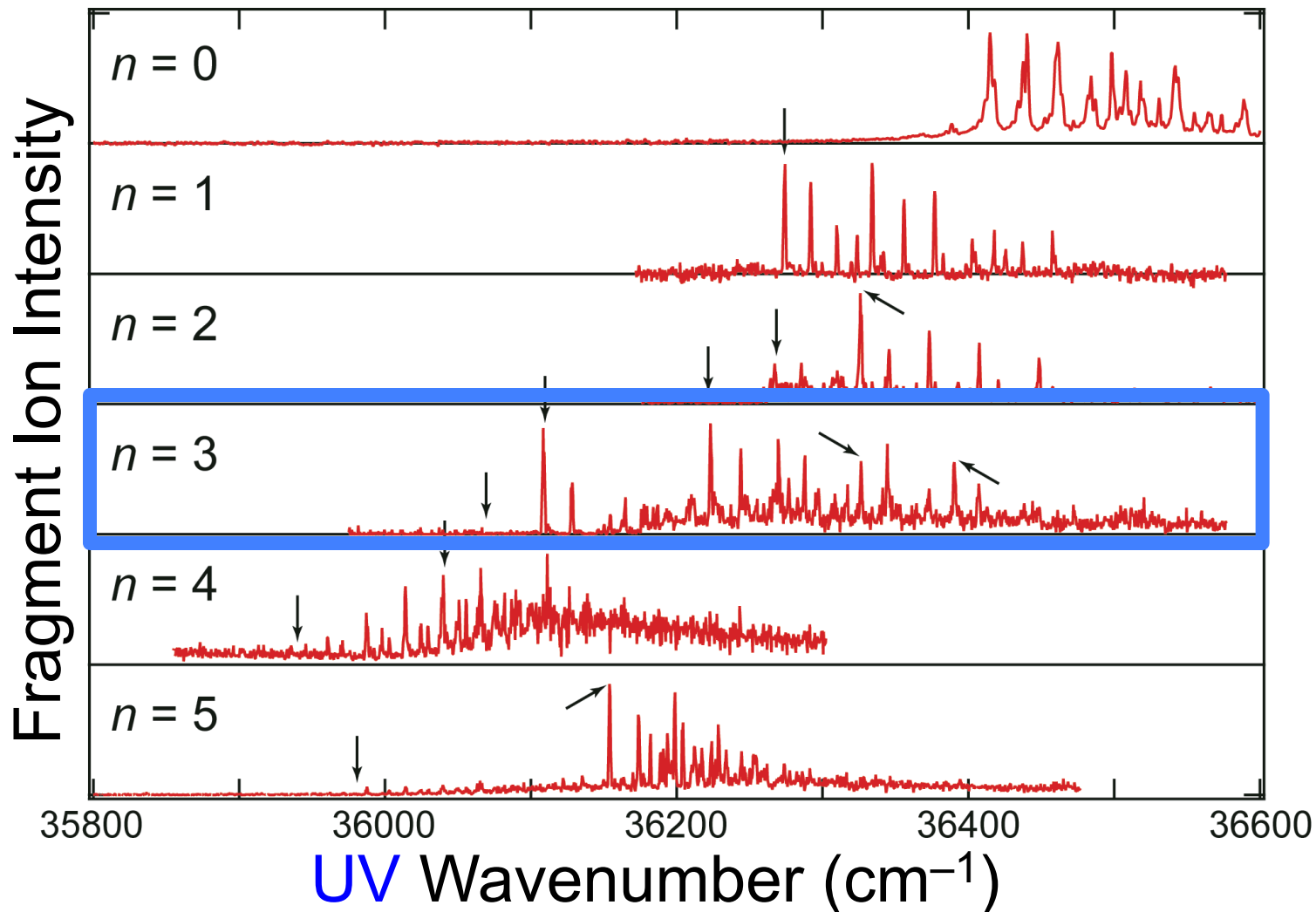
*The conformer structure is determined with the aid of quantum chemical calculations.*



# UV Spectra of $\text{K}^+ \cdot \text{DB18C6} \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$

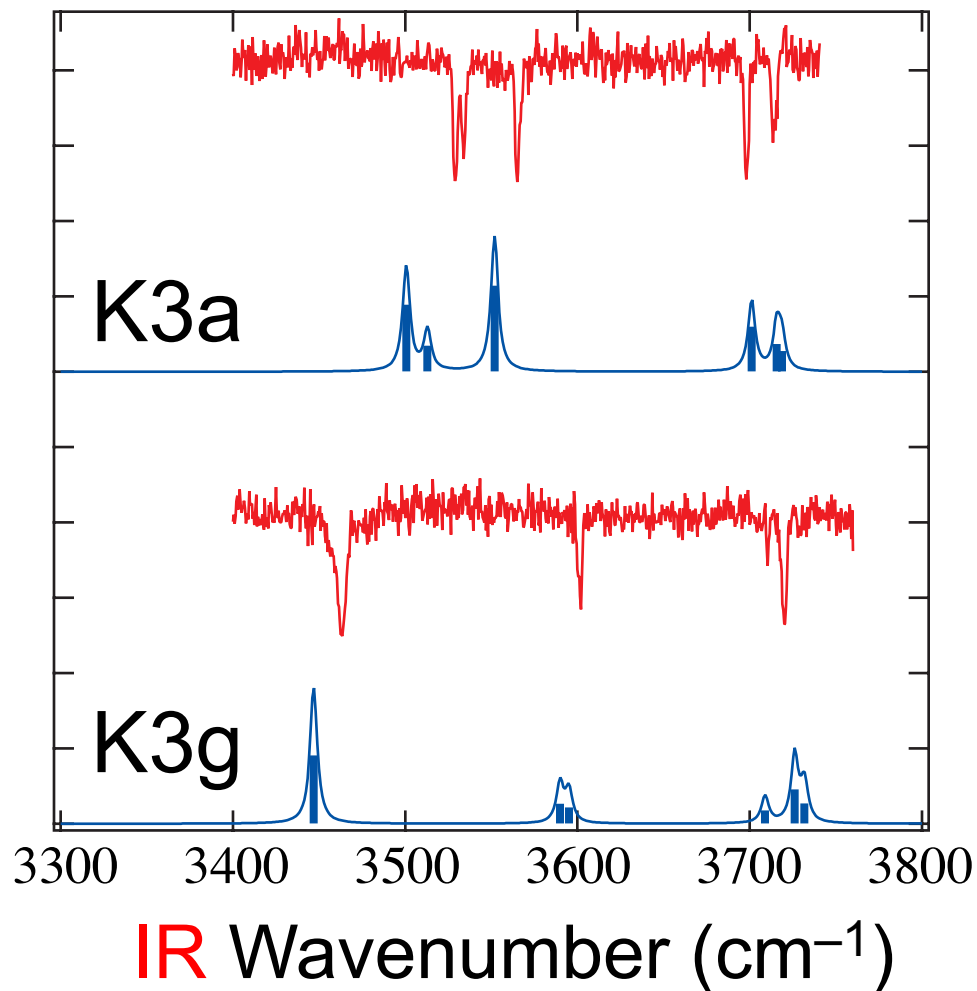
*UV spectra also show sharp bands.*

*Conformer-specific IR spectra can be measured.*

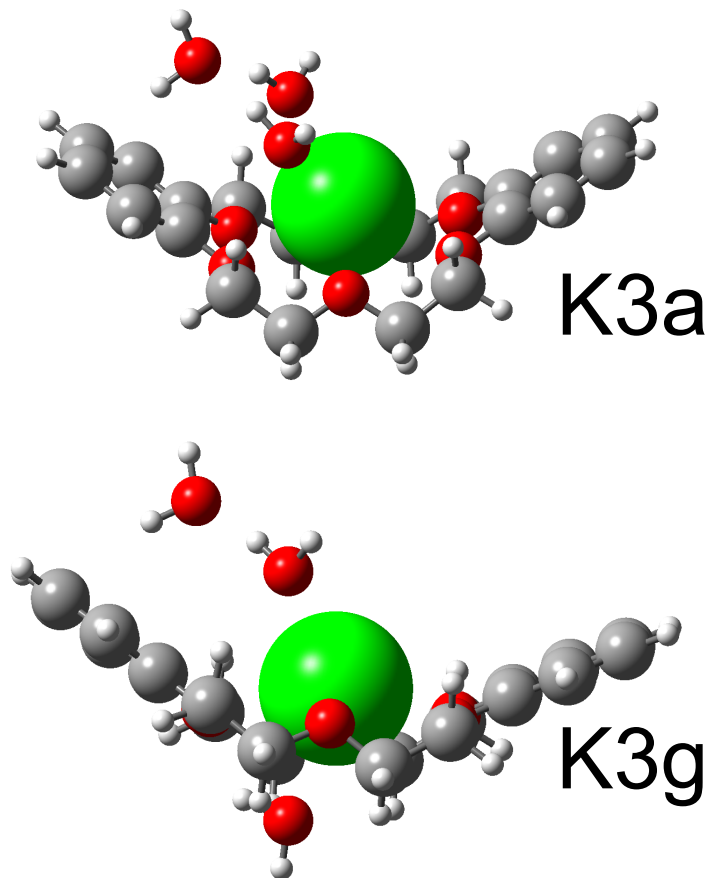




# Conformers of $K^+ \cdot DB18C6 \cdot (H_2O)_3$



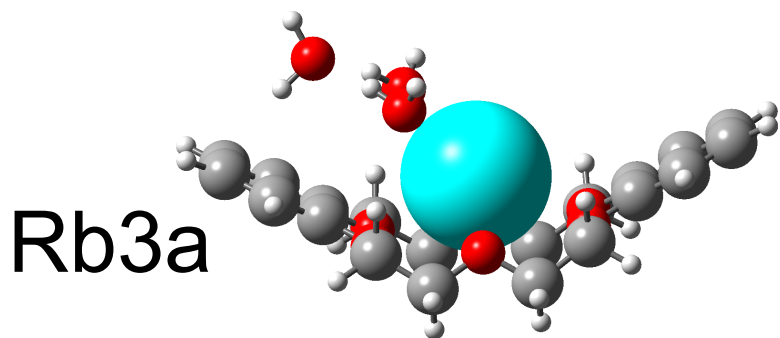
*Two conformers  
for  $K^+$ .*



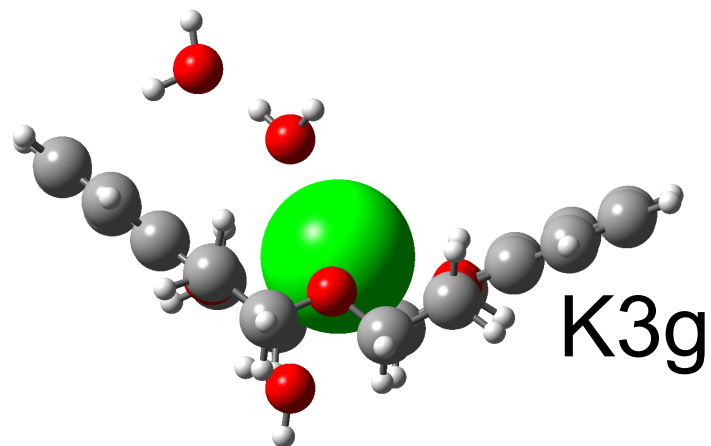
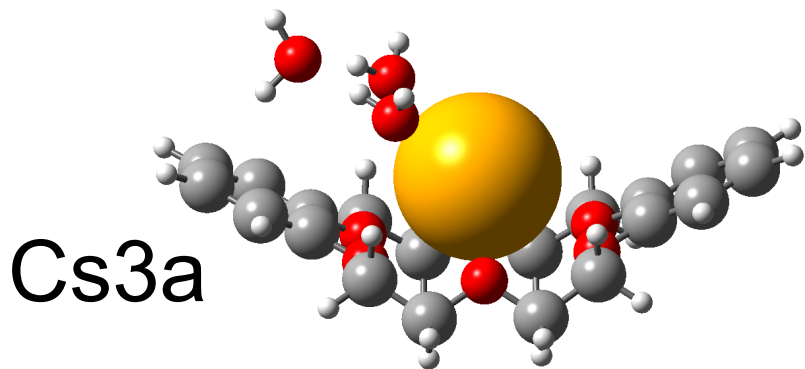
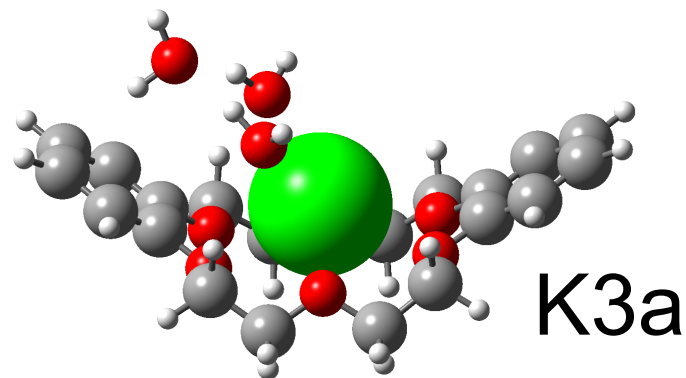
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*One conformer*  
for  $\text{Rb}^+$  and  $\text{Cs}^+$ .

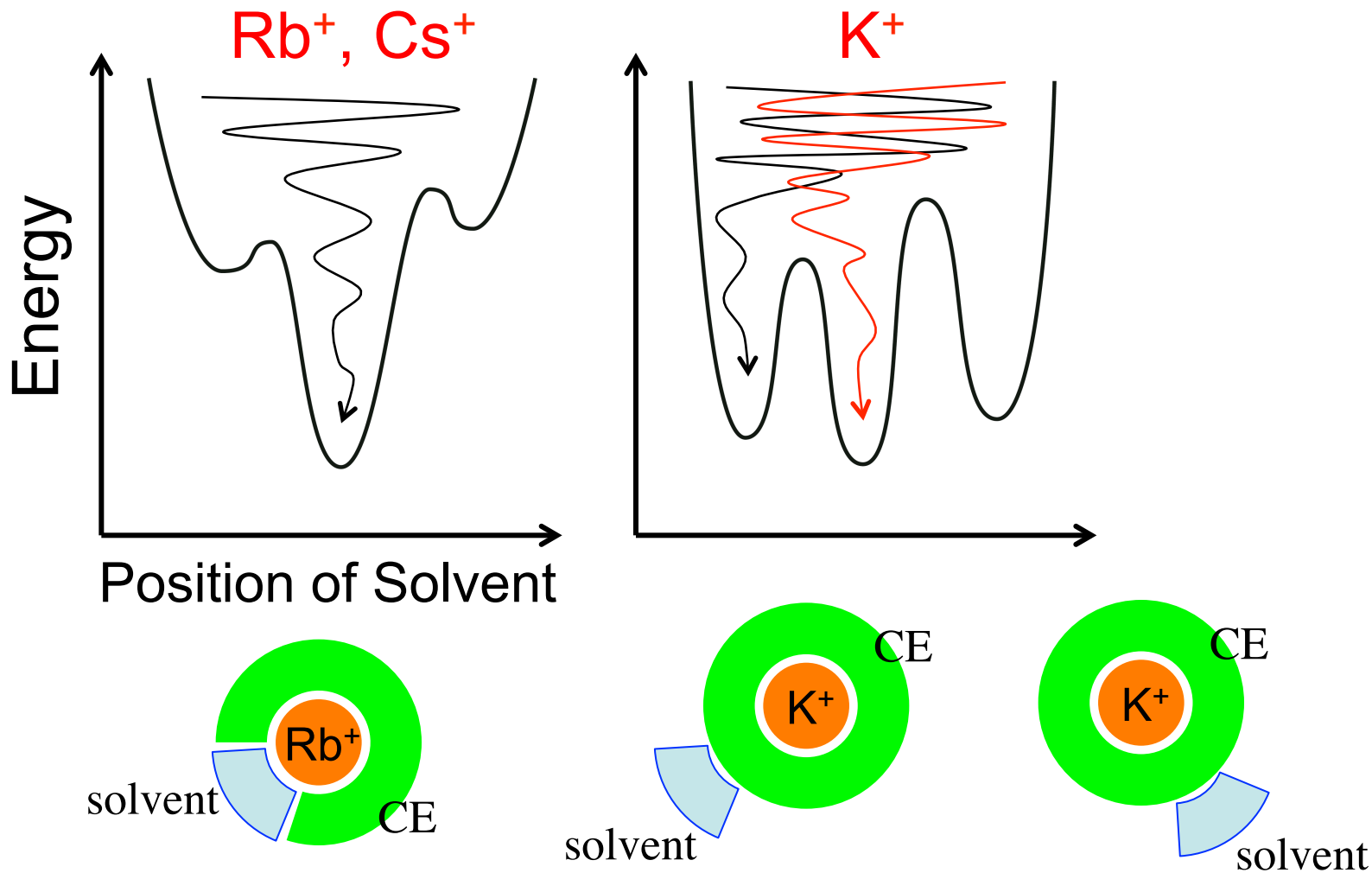


*Two conformers*  
for  $\text{K}^+$ .



# The Number of Conformers

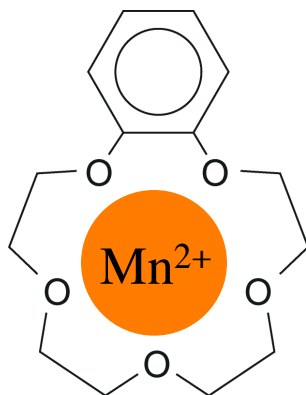
*If the metal ion is completely surrounded by CE, multiple conformers can exist for solvated complexes.*



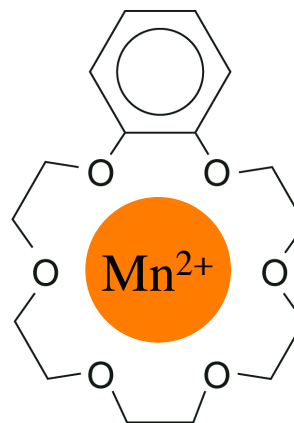
# The Number of Conformers of $\text{Mn}^{2+} \cdot \text{CE}$

*B18C6 occupies all the coordination sites, resulting in multiple conformers with  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ .*

CE	$\text{Mn}^{2+} \cdot \text{CE} \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
B15C5	1
B18C6	3



B15C5

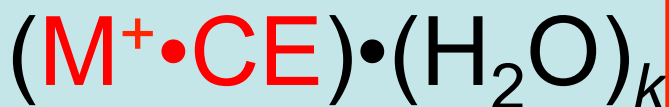
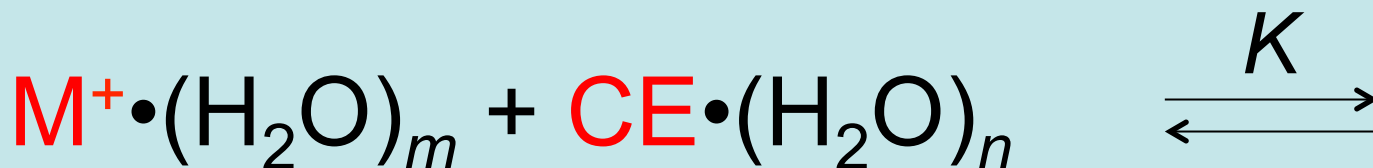


B18C6

# What's happening in encapsulation?

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*We have just started understanding the relation between **encapsulation** and **solvation**.*



*We can determine the structure and the number of conformers at the same time.*

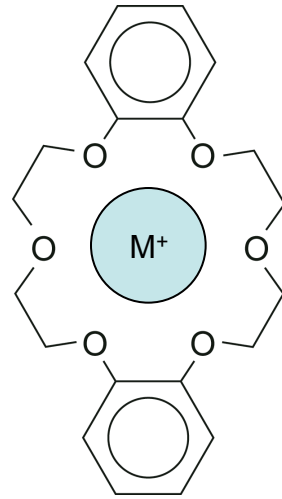


# Summary

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*We are still on a way to revealing the whole picture of the ion selectivity at a molecular level, but...*

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- $M^+ \cdot \text{DB18C6} \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$
- UV and IR spectroscopy in a cold, 22-pole ion trap



- The structure and number of conformers are determined.
- Host-guest complexes with an optimum matching in size tend to give multiple conformers with solvent molecules, resulting in entropic advantages.

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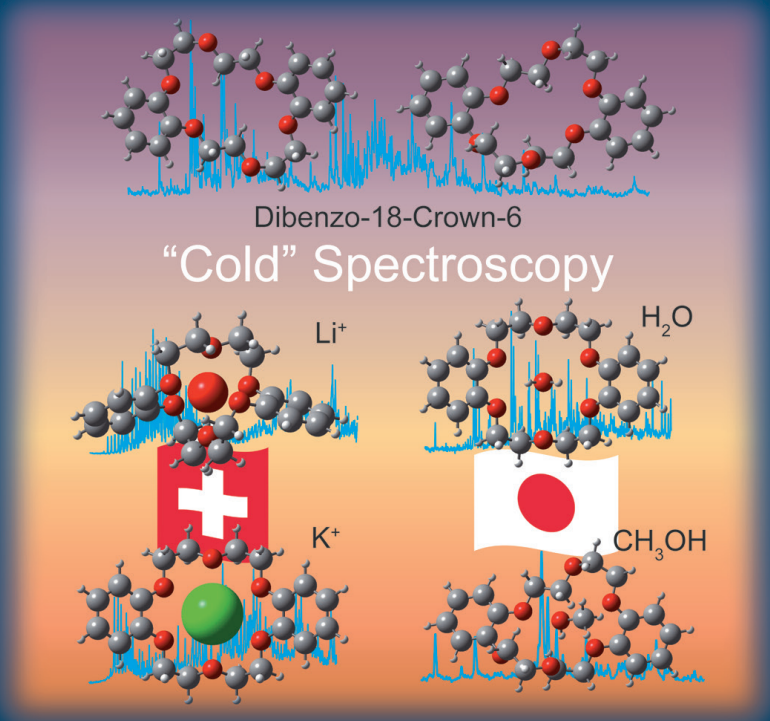
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Li<sup>+</sup> H<sub>2</sub>O

K<sup>+</sup> CH<sub>3</sub>OH

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