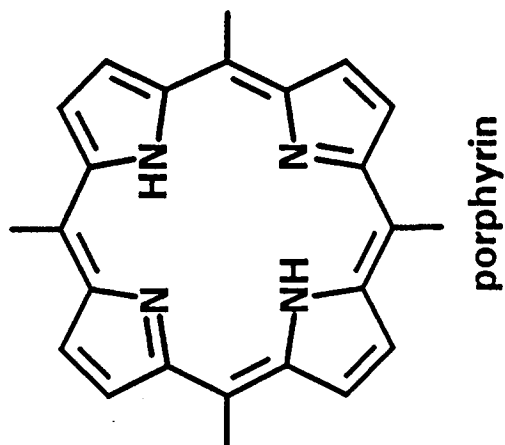
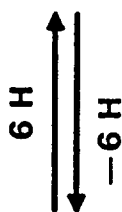
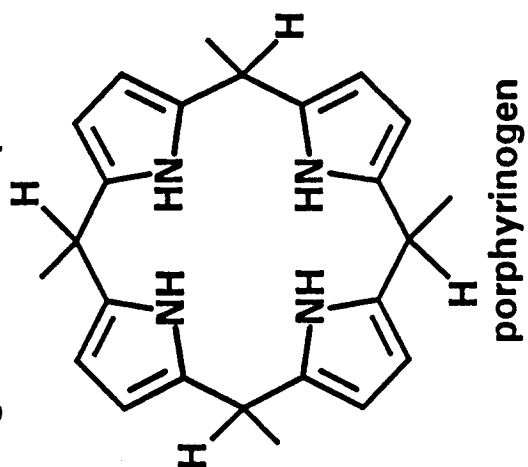
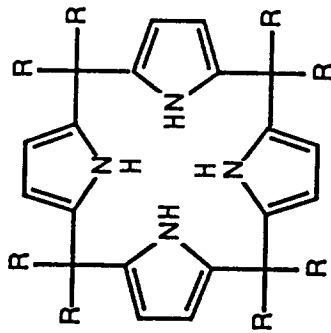


Porphyrin - Porphyrinogen relationship

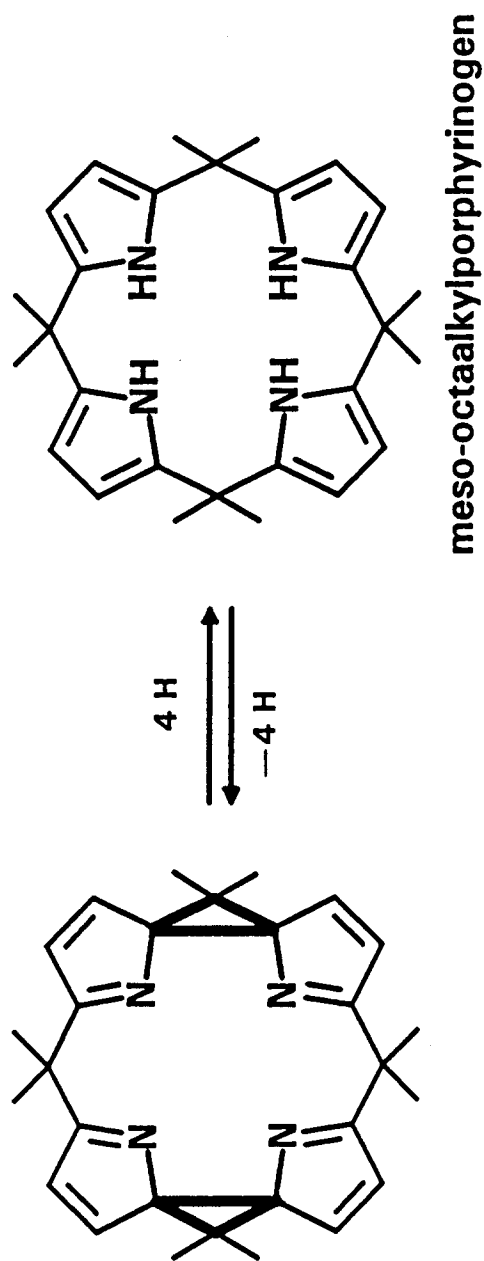
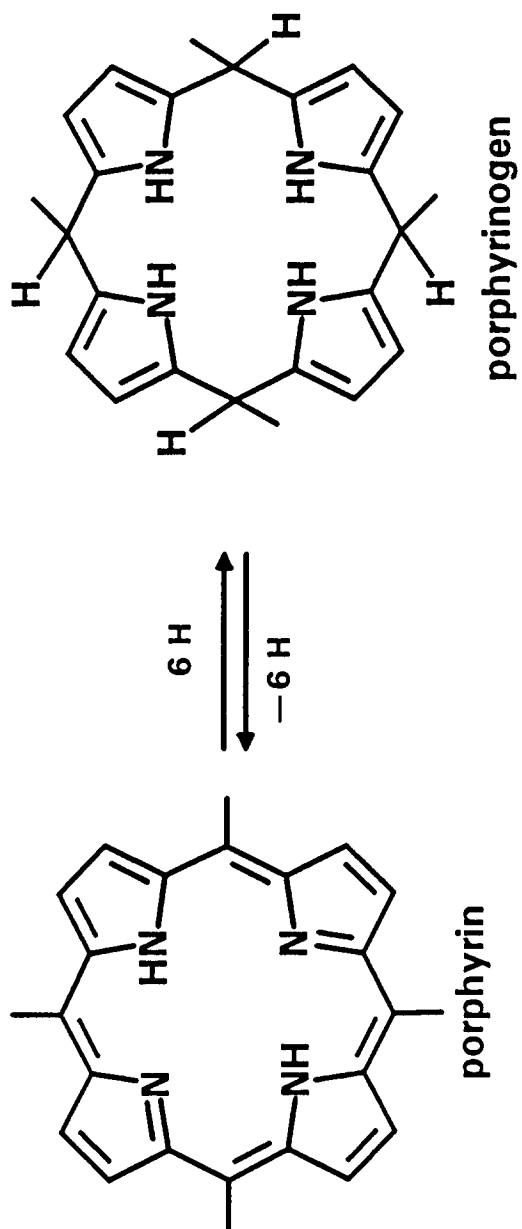


Meso-Octaalkylporphyrinogen

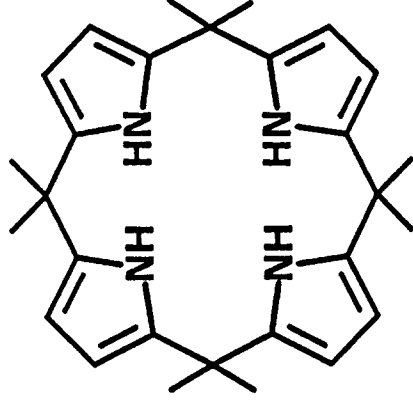


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Porphyrinogen redox chemistry



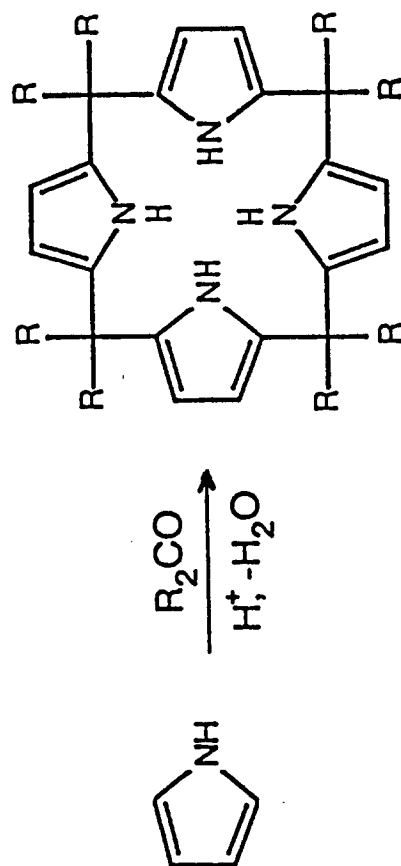
Meso-octaalkylporphyrinogen metal-assisted chemistry



Meso-octaalkylporphyrinogen, [R₈N₄H₄]

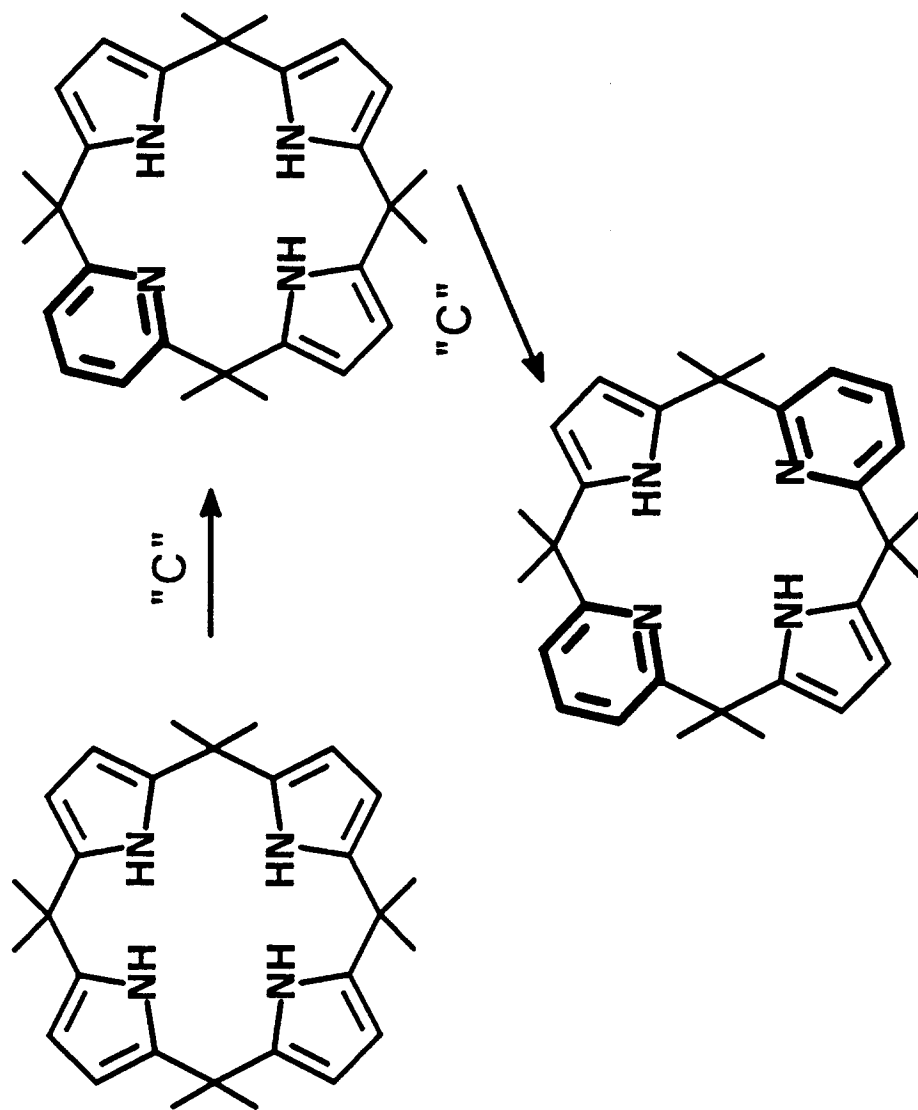
- 1) Redox chemistry based on the reversible formation of a cyclopropane unit
- 2) Homologation of a pyrrole to a pyridine ring assisted by the metal

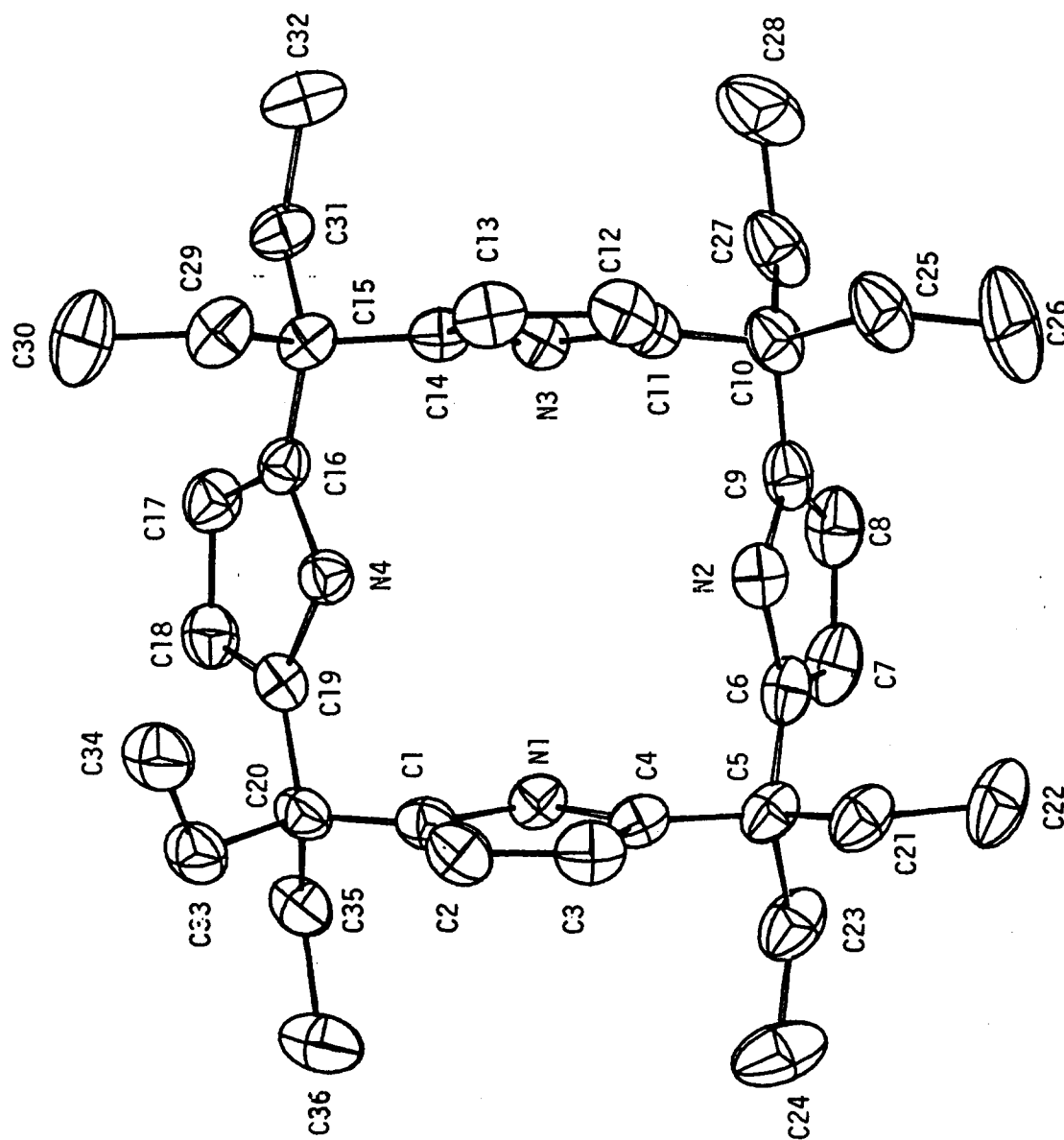
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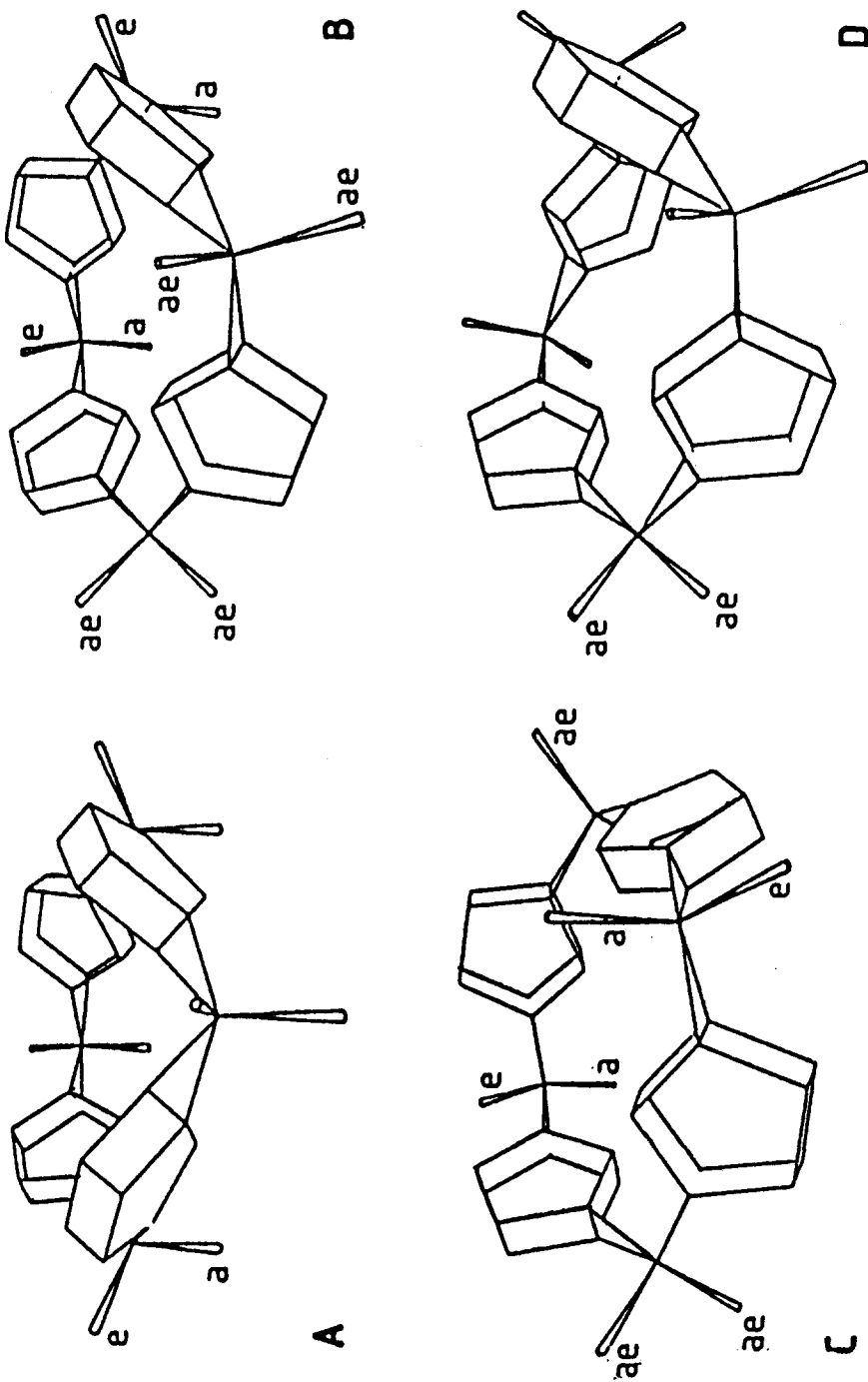
R = alkyl, cycloalkyl, functionalized alkyl, etc....

Homologation of pyrrol to pyridine ring
in *meso*-octaalkylporphyrinogens





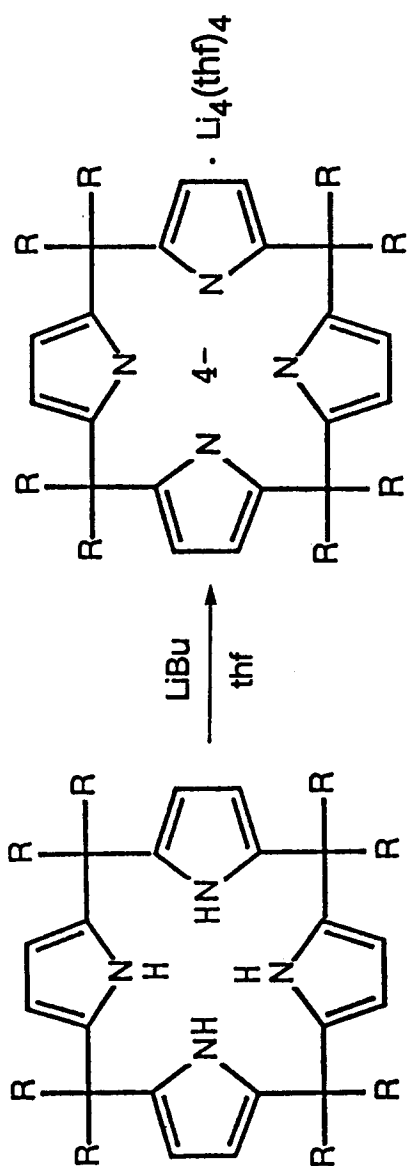
The saddle conformation of $\text{Et}_8\text{N}_4\text{H}_4$

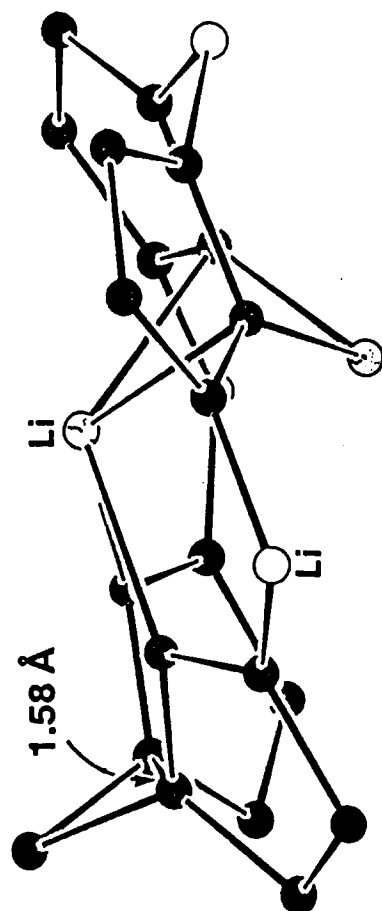


The four fundamental conformations of the porphyrinogens:
 "bowl" (A), "chair" (B), "chaise longue" (C), and "saddle" (D)
 (meso-substituents: a = axial, e = equatorial or ae = axial-equatorial)

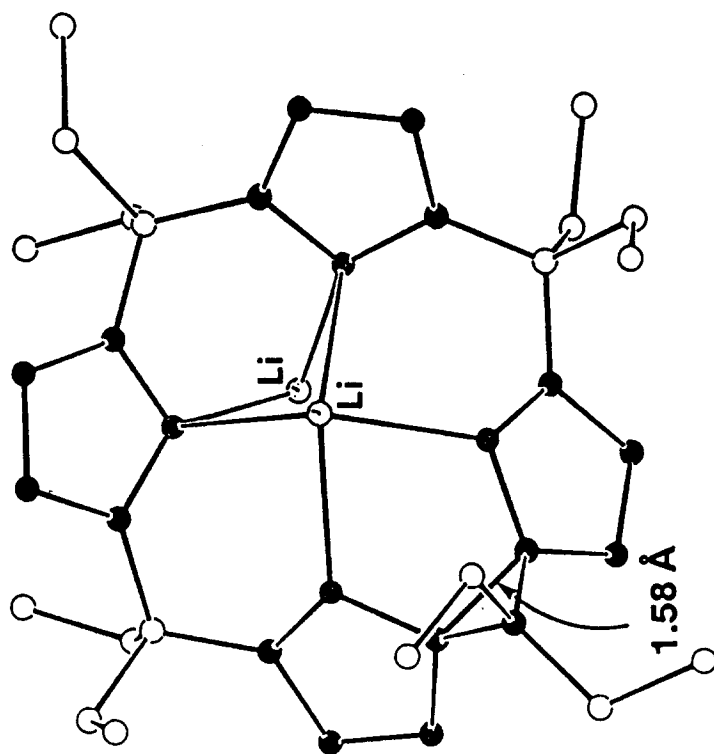
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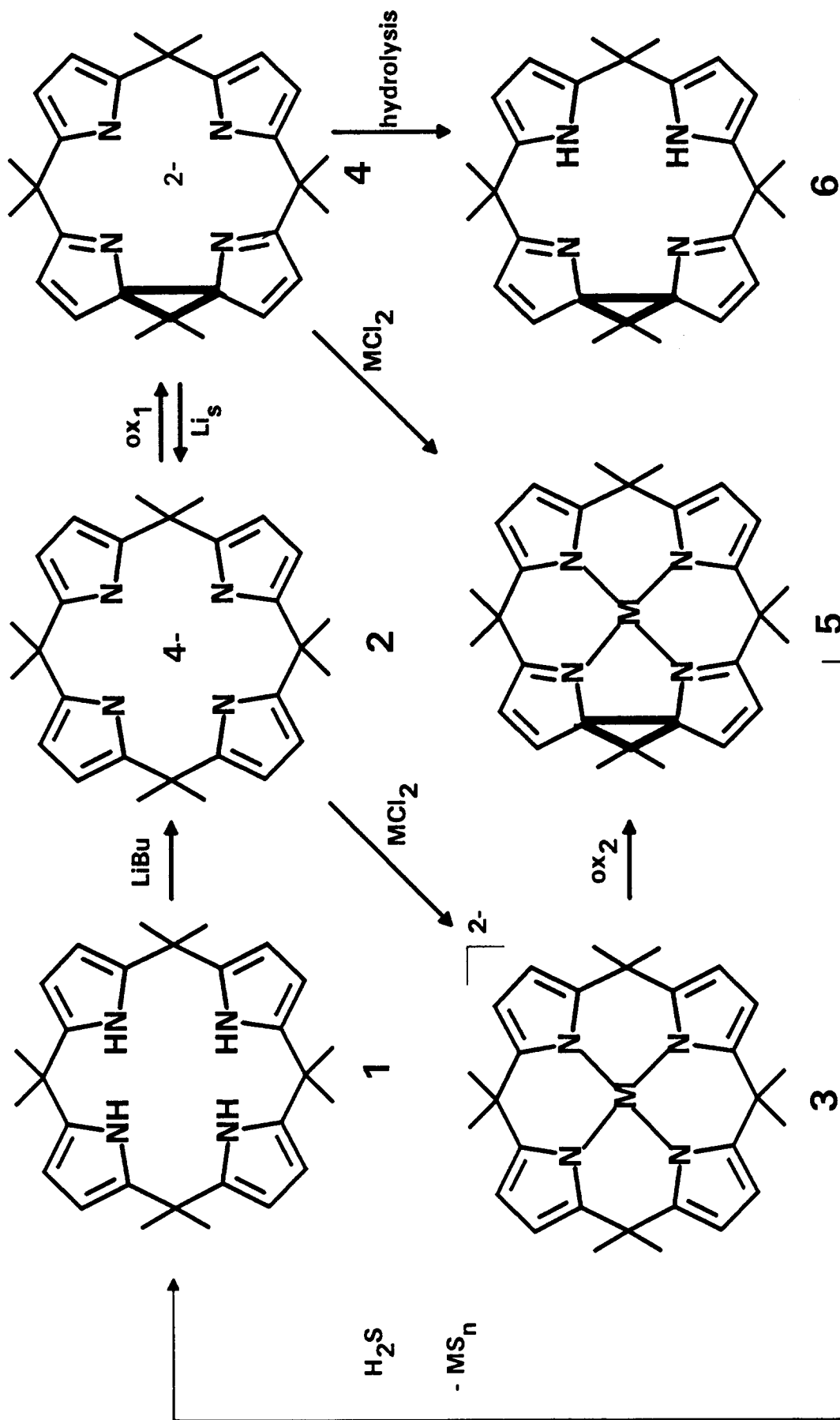
Lithium Meso-Octaalkylporphyrinogen



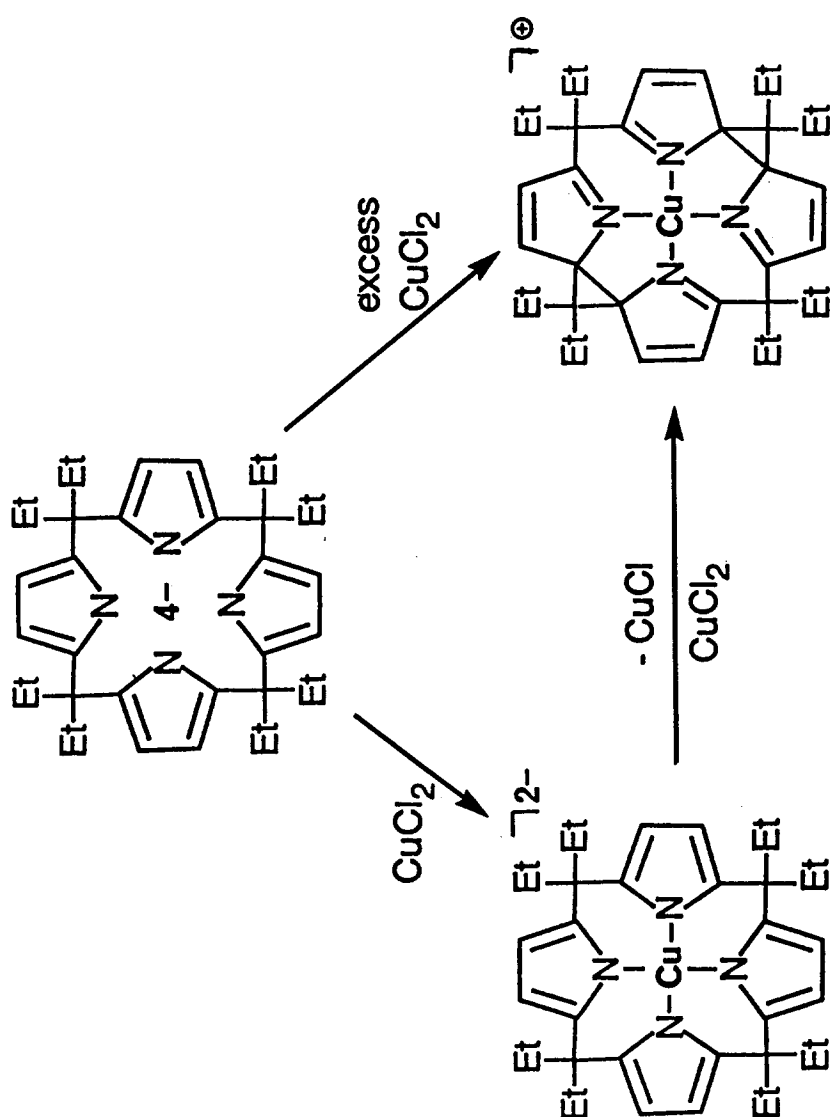


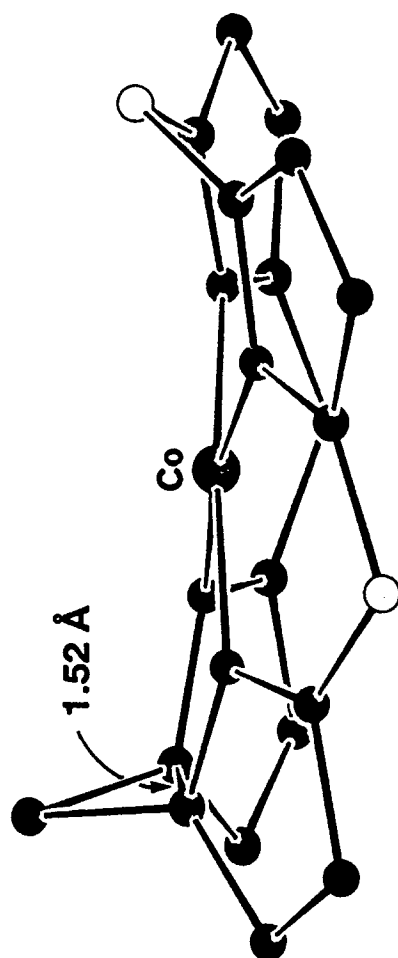
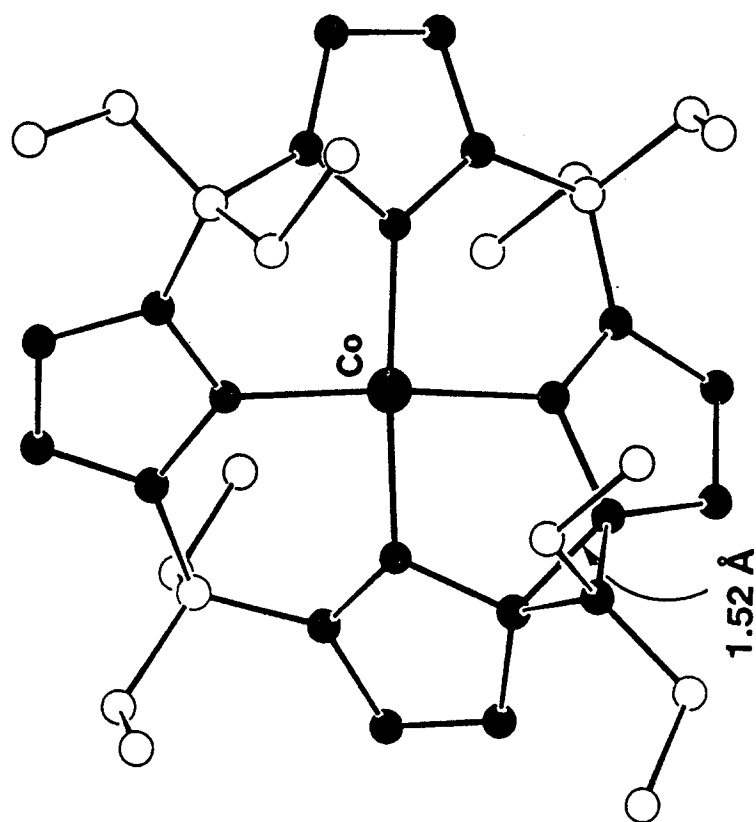
Complex 4





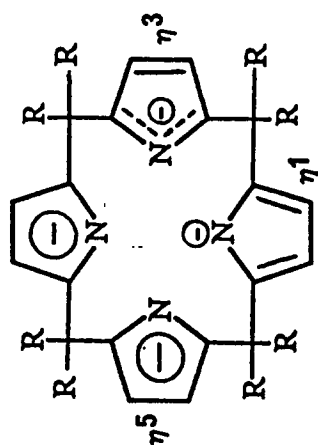
$\text{ox}_1 = \text{O}_2$, quinones, PdCl_2 $\text{M} = \text{Co, Ni, Cu, Zn} \dots$
 $\text{ox}_2 = \text{O}_2$, quinones counteranion $[\text{Li}(\text{thf})]^+$





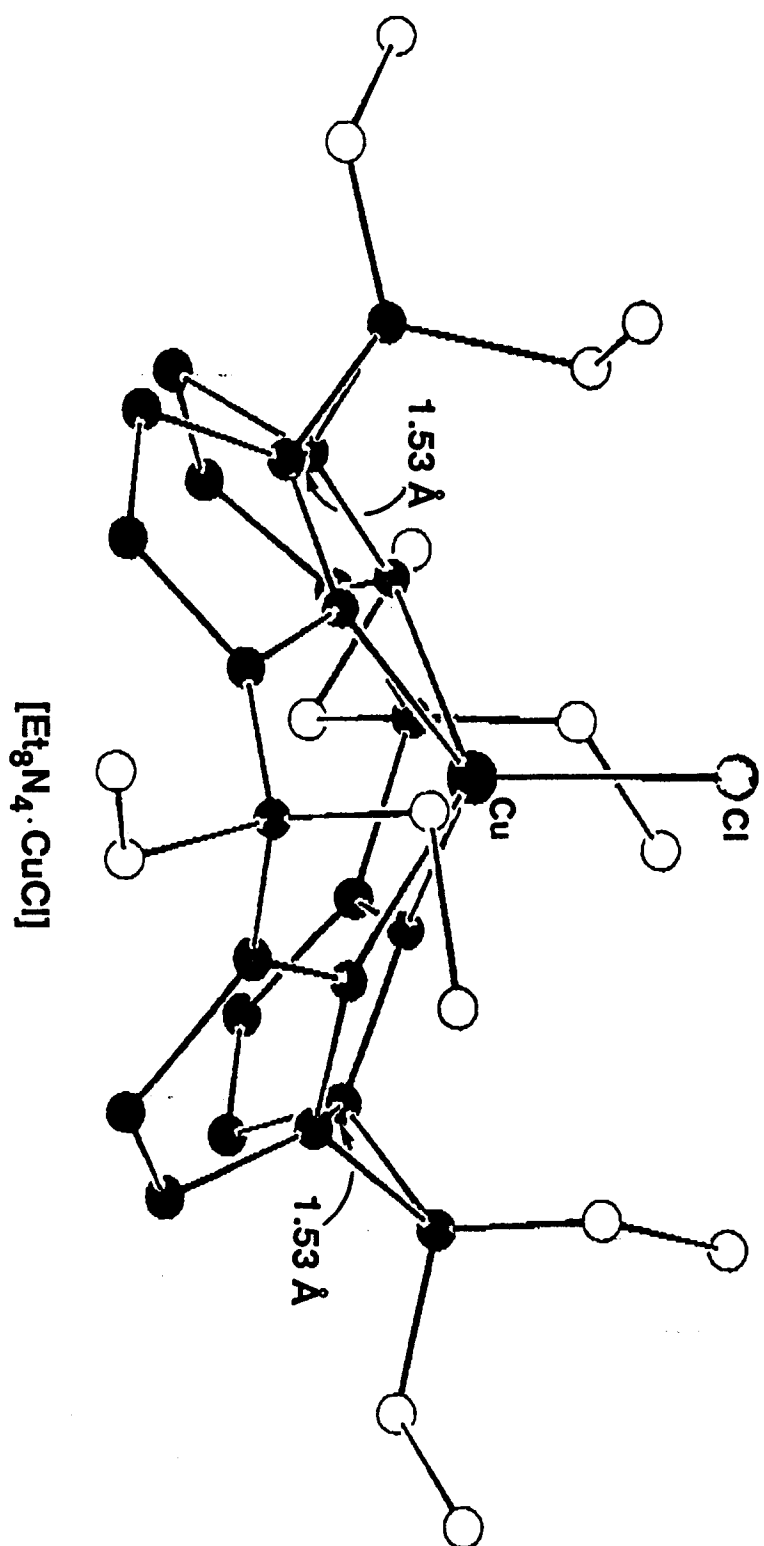
Complex 5

Meso-Octaalkylporphyrinogen Tetraanion

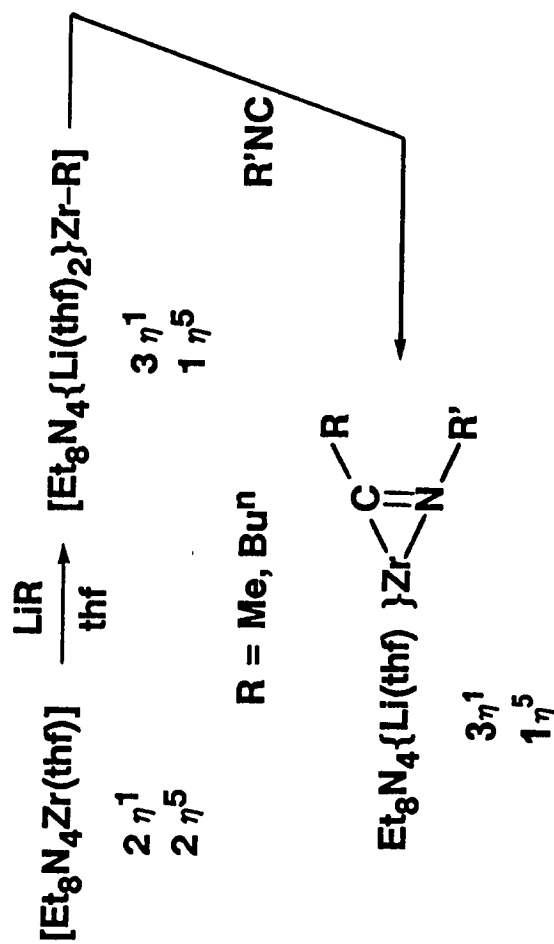


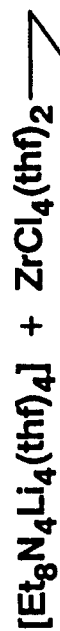
4 (2 + n) electron donor ligand

$$\begin{array}{l}
 0 < n < 4 \\
 \downarrow \\
 8 \dots\dots 24 \text{ electrons}
 \end{array}
 \left. \begin{array}{l}
 n = 1 \quad \text{for } \eta^5 \\
 n = 1/2 \quad \text{for } \eta^3 \\
 n = 0 \quad \text{for } \eta^1
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 \text{pyrrolyl} \\
 \text{anion}
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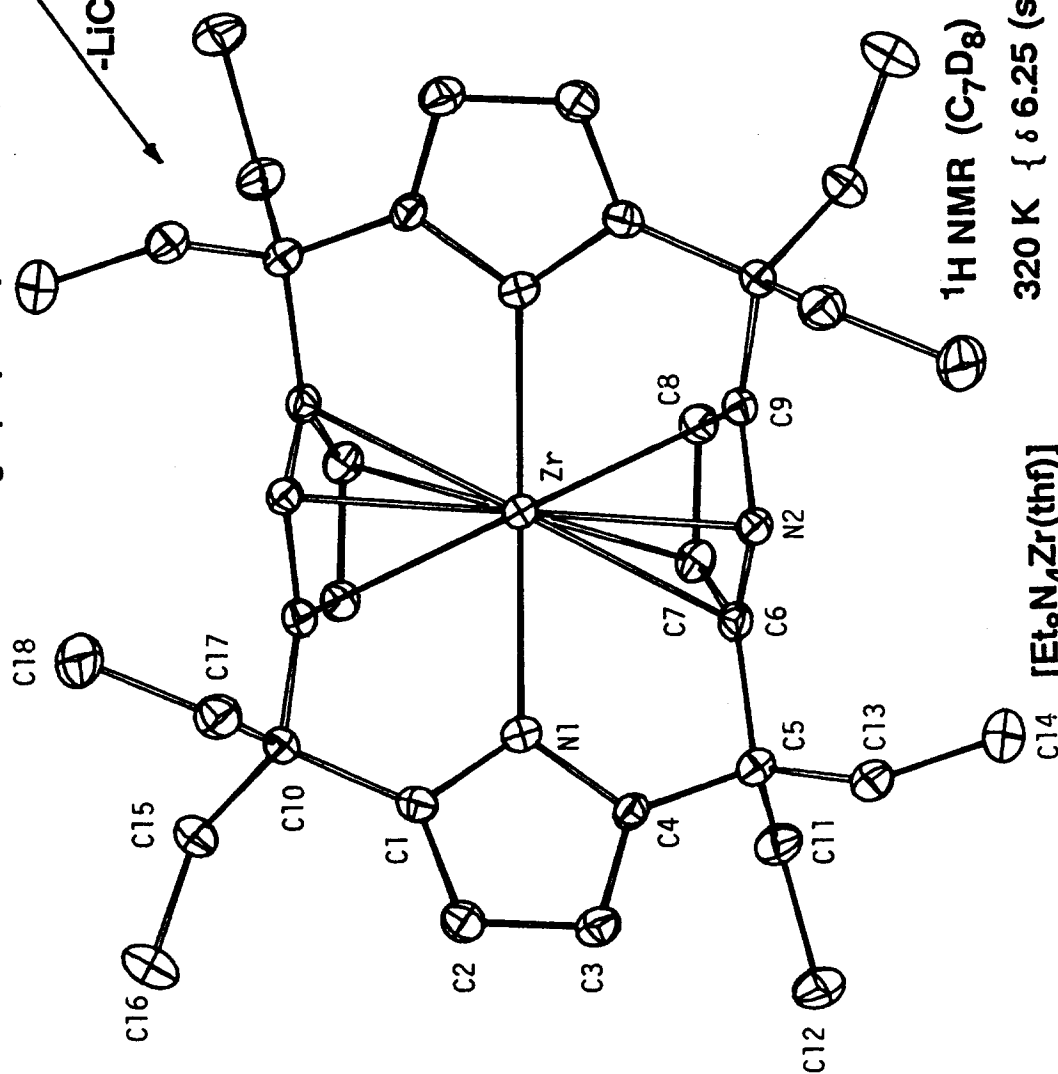


Meso-Octaethylporphyrinogen varying bonding modes





$-\text{LiCl}$



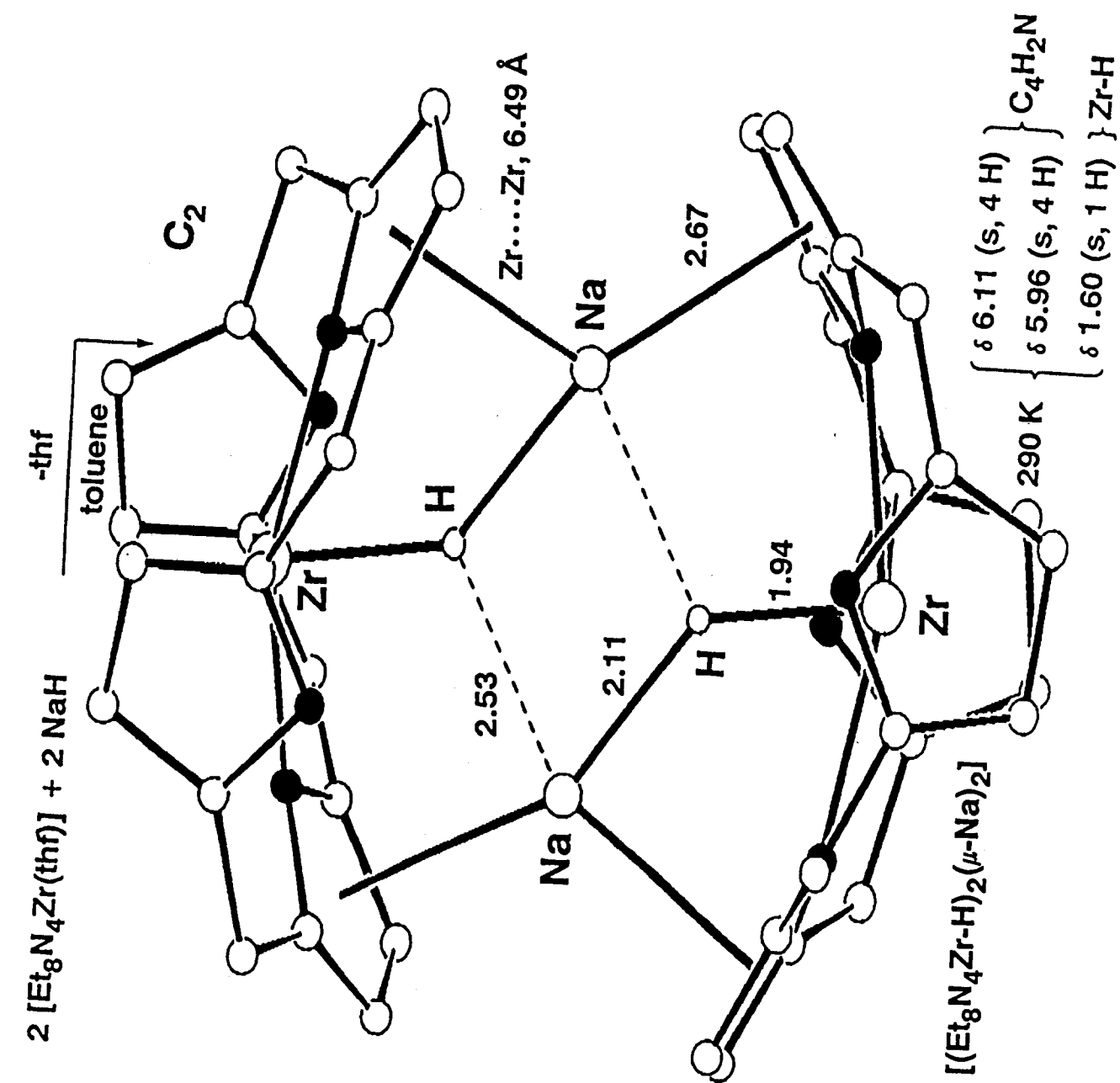
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (C_7D_8) [$\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{N}$]

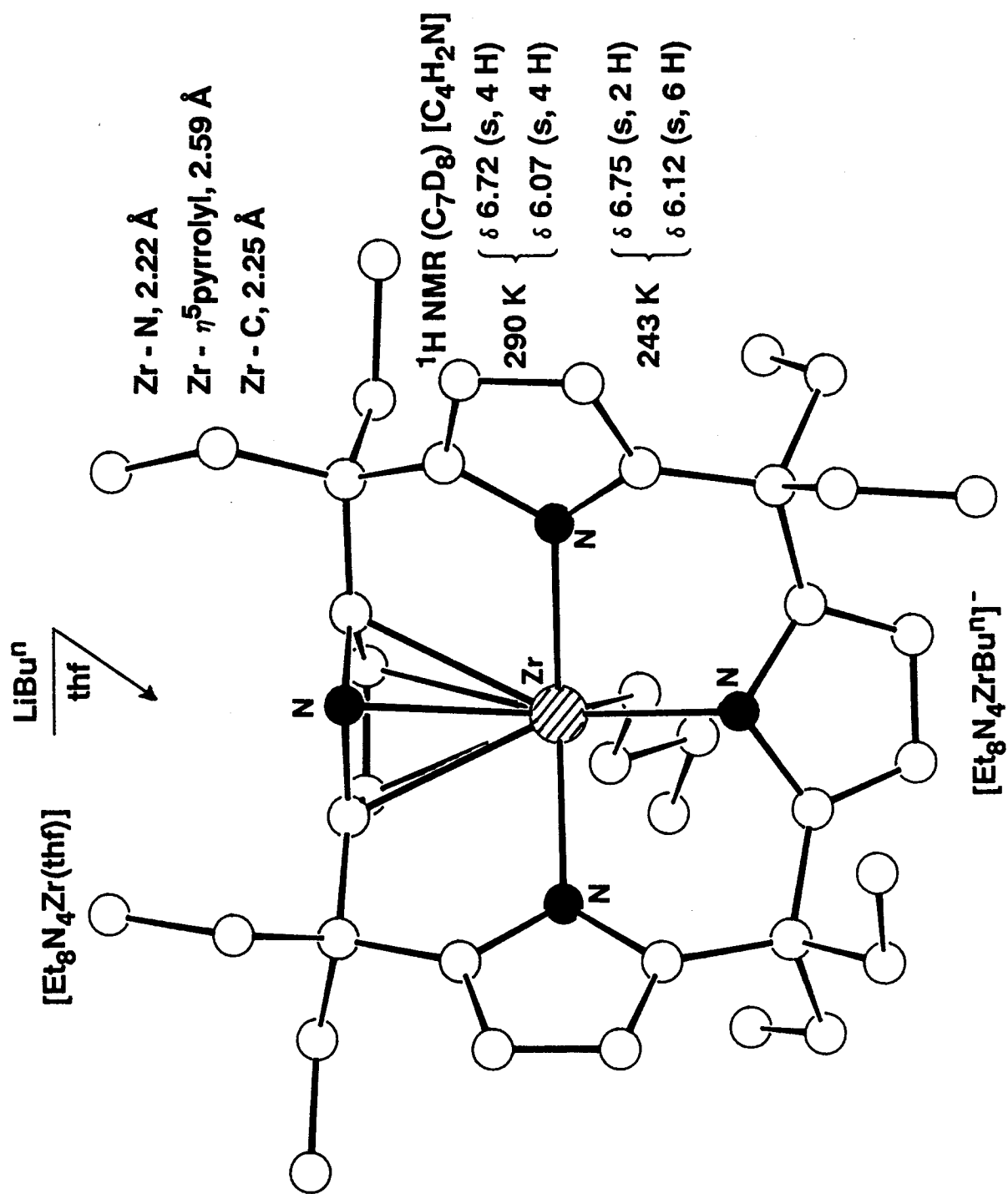
320 K { δ 6.25 (s, 8 H)

290 K { δ 6.31 (s, 4 H)

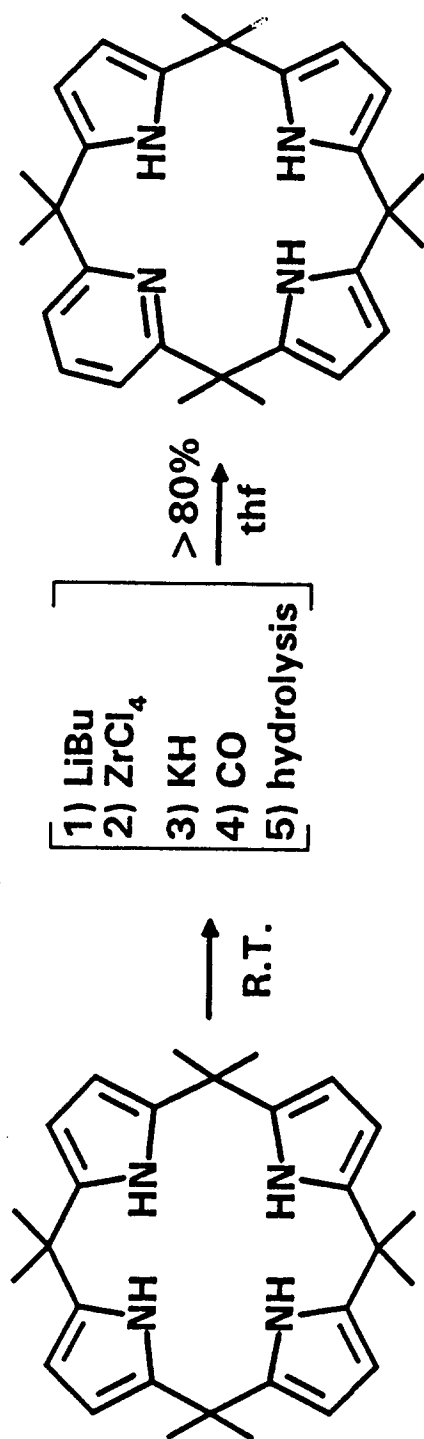
δ 6.24 (s, 4 H)

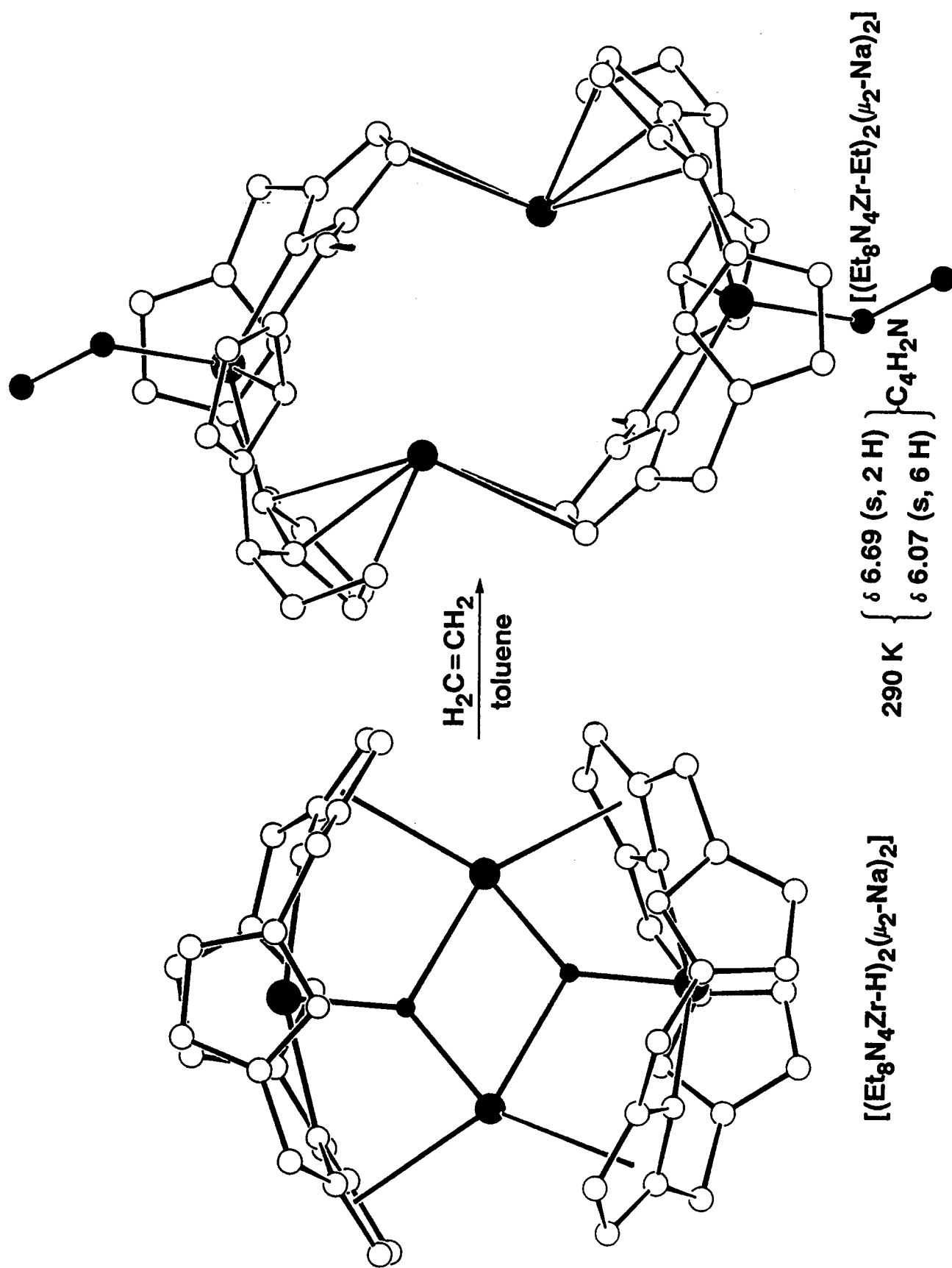
[$\text{Et}_8\text{N}_4\text{Zr}(\text{thf})$]

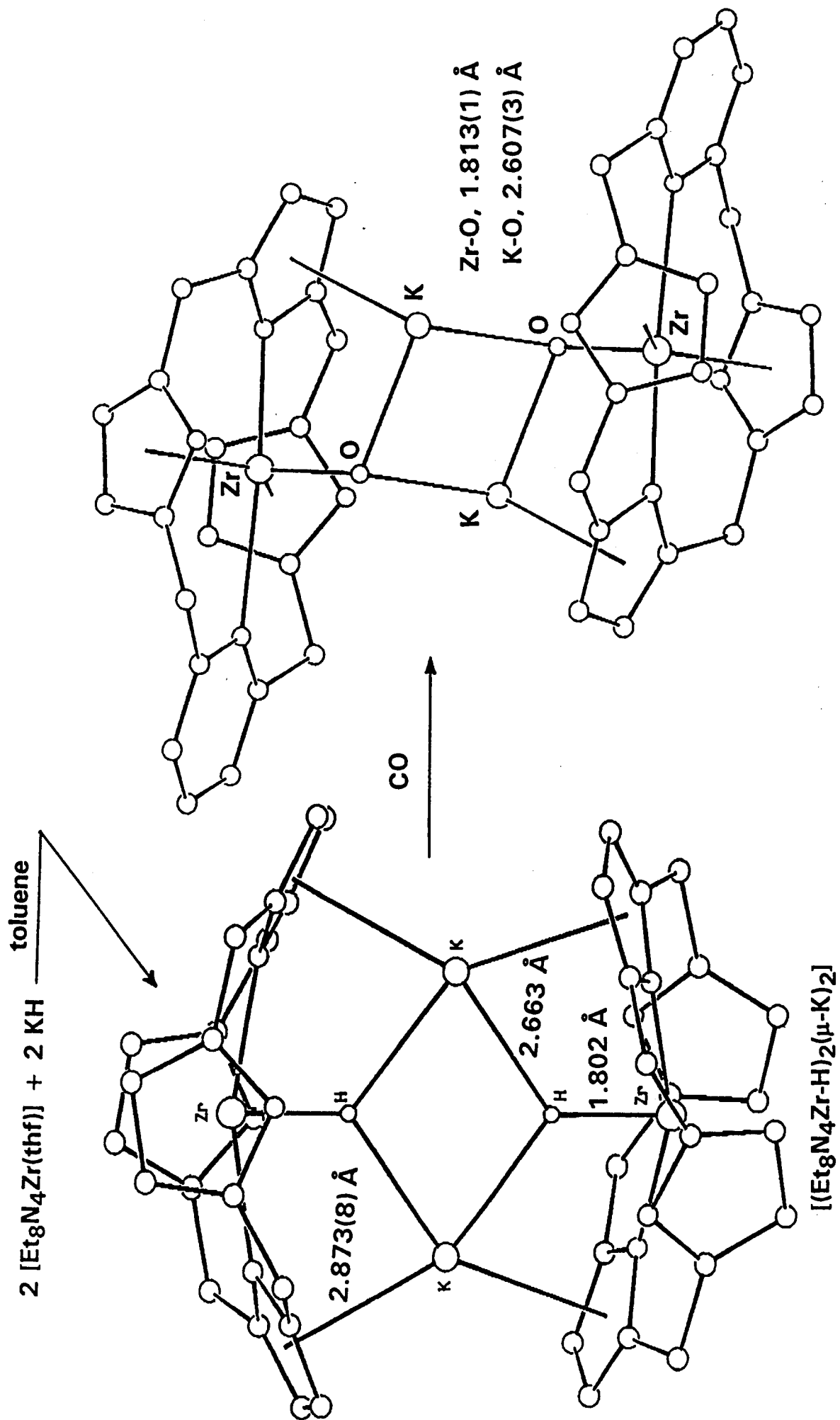


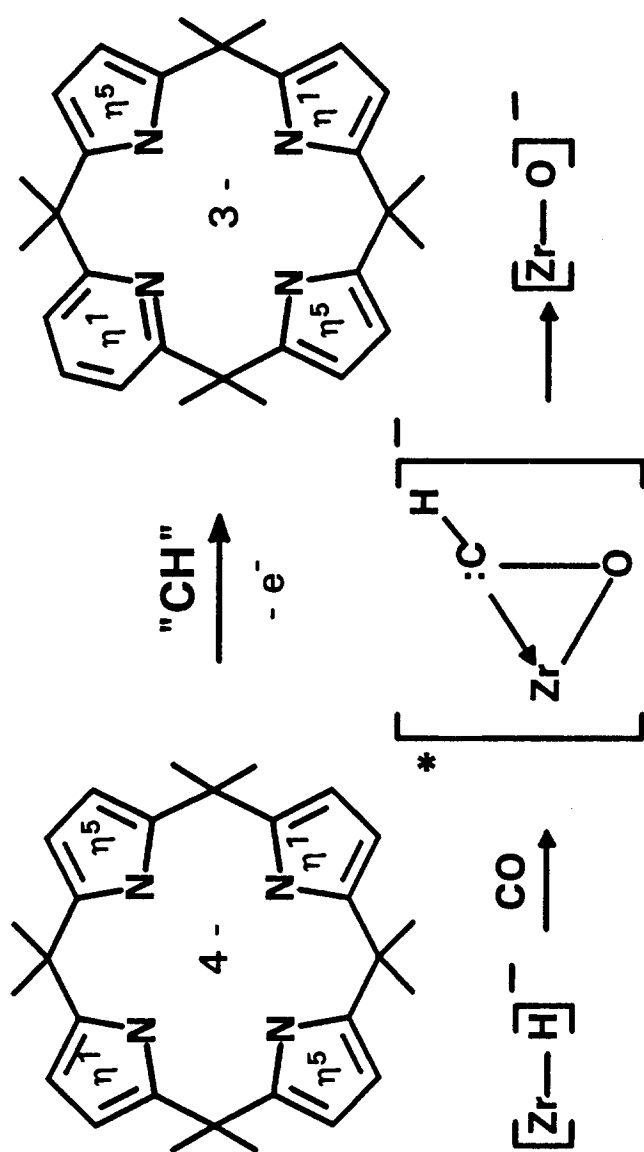


One step homologation reaction









* see the zirconoxycarbene chemistry: I.P. Rothwell, *Chem. Rev.*, 1988, 88, 1059